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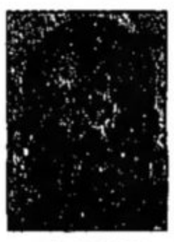

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PHEAA cutting back

The state agency has been caught up in the nationwide credit crisis.

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HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will suspend all new student loans March 7 because of the national credit crunch.

Banks still will provide loans to students, and the immediate impact should be minimal, PHEAA officials said Tuesday.

PHEAA acting CEO James Preston said student loans comprise 30 percent of the agency's overall revenue.

PHEAA Chairman Rep. Bill Adolph, R-Delaware County, said, "Short-term we can get through this, but if disruptions in global markets continue, we are not going to be able to handle the differences (from reduced revenues that fund programs), and all the public service programs PHEAA has contributed to over the past decade will not be there."

PHEAA and its nonprofit foundation run programs from student grants to nursing loan forgiveness.

Adolph and Preston testified before the House Appropriations Committee yesterday, and some members expressed concern about the effect and what the Legislature can do. Adolph said there's little that can be done because it is a national crisis.

Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Hill District, said PHEAA's explanation of the effect on consumers was "really confusing to me."

"It's very important that education be accessible," he said. "I can't go back (to my constituents) and say it's too complicated to handle and you wait another year (for a loan.)"

Wheatley said he is concerned that low-income people who need college loans may face more hurdles if they are forced to go to banks.

PHEAA has been under fire since state Auditor General Jack Wagner disclosed that the agency

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Sewer loans available to seniors

The cost to connect to the new system can reach thousands of dollars.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – Municipal Authority board Chairwoman Dee Fisher said Tuesday that low-interest loans are available to older residents who must connect to the new sewer system.

Fisher said the Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc. provides loans of up to $7,500 to low-income residents age 62 or older.

The loans are payable at 1 percent interest for up to 30 years. Monthly payments range from $30 to $50.

The program carries application fees of $350 to $500, but that money can be included in the loan, Fisher said.

The tap-in fee is about $3,200, board member, Mike Zadrozny said. The board is seeking grants to help cut that cost.

Residents face additional costs to connect their houses to the main line. The connection lines can cost thousands of dollars.

Fisher said Fayette County Area Agency on Aging representatives will visit applicants to help gather information for applications. The representatives also will arrange transportation to the agency's Uniontown office to complete paperwork.

Fisher said people interested in applying can call her at (724) 929-4666.

Authority engineer Dave Kerchner said 561 of 1,400 landowners must sign right-of-way agreements before sewage lines can be installed on parts of their properties.

He said residents can obtain information about the agreement at a meeting 9 a.m. to noon March 15 at the township social hall.

After the meeting, the board will begin to take legal action to take over portions of properties owned by customers who have not signed agreements.

Fisher said some residents have not signed because they do not understand the process,

Solicitor Mike Witherel said others have simply neglected to sign it.

The board will mail second copies of the agreement to those who have not signed.

Witherel said that if the authority is forced to take over portions of parcels, appraisal, legal and engineering fees would be passed on to customers.

"Just the filing fees alone would be substantial," he said. "So, if you want to take money out of my pocket and put it into your own, get your neighbors to sign off on these rights-of-way."

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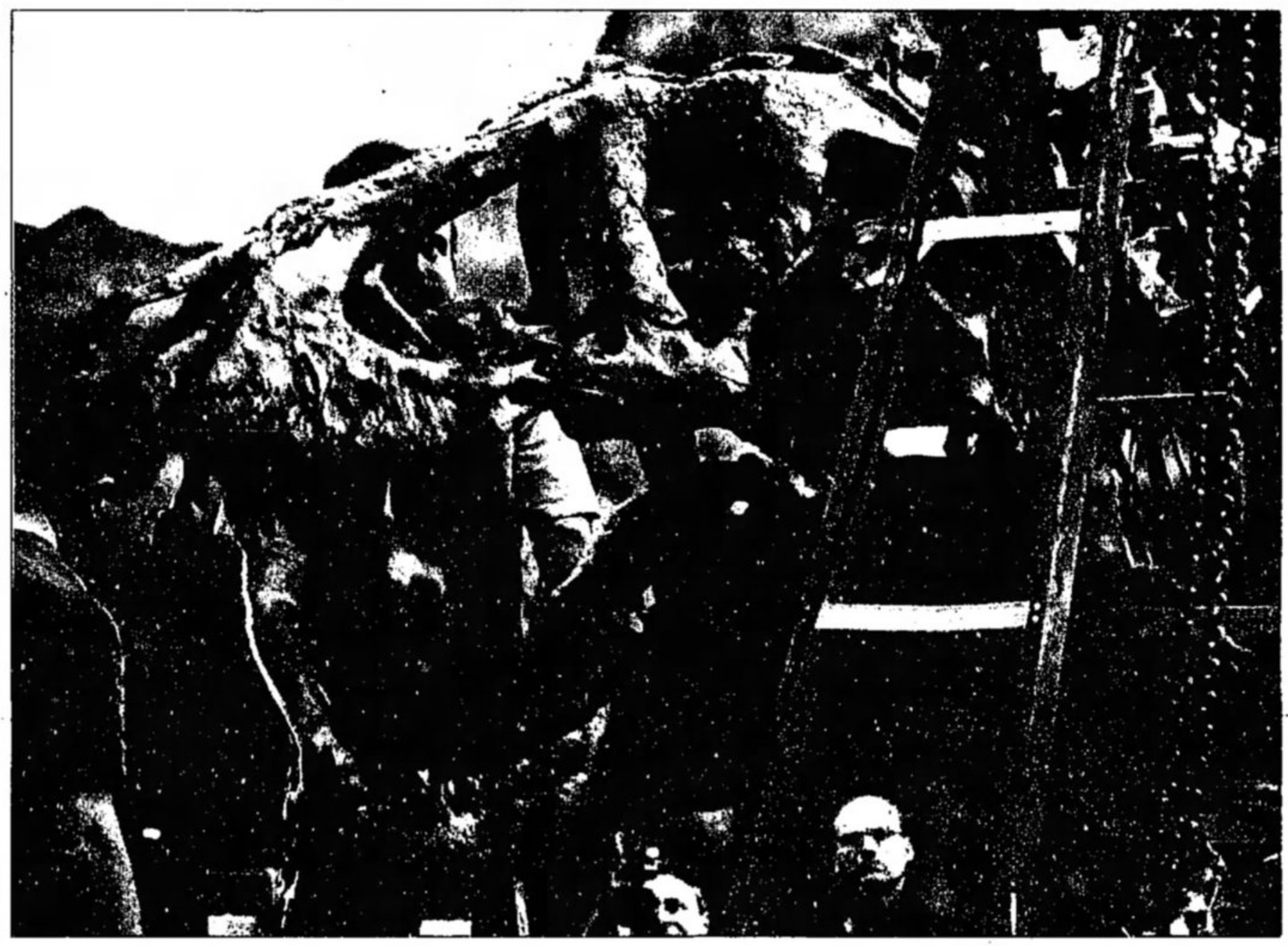

Associated Press

Paul Zawisha, center, works with Bob Ziller, left, to install the skull on a tyrannosaurus rex skeleton Tuesday at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. This T. rex is one of two "battling tyrannosaurus" that are part of the final phase of the Dinosaurs in Their Time exhibit that will open in June.

New health center annex talks scheduled Monday

If the deal is made, existing tenants could ultimately move to the main building.

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MONESSEN – More talks are planned on Councilman John Harhai's proposal to purchase the Mon Valley Community Health Center annex.

Harhai wants the city to enter into an agreement with the Mon Valley Health and Welfare Authority for a "lease-to-own" arrangement for the Eastgate 11 site.

Under the plan, the city would pay $270,000 – $54,000 per year for five years – for the two-story building. The city would own the annex after the five-year period. The deal would be interest-free.

The authority has retained Howard Hanna-Simon Real Estate Services to sell the building, which carries a $299,000 price tag.

Harhai

The authority also is trying to lease space in the main health center building at Eastgate 15.

Under the annex proposal, the city would be responsible for all utilities, while the authority would continue to handle maintenance.

The annex is occupied by the Mon Valley Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Simply Kids daycare and the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce.

Harhai said he met with authority officials shortly before the Feb. 20 council meeting in which he presented the proposal to his colleagues. During that meeting, it was not clearly stated that the proposal was for the annex. That night, Harhai discussed such amenities as an elevator, which is available at the main health center but not the annex.

Harhai wanted council to approve the deal that night, but councilmen Jeff Gagatko, Wayne Doptis and Josh Retos requested more time. Mayor Anthony Petaccia supported the idea.

The mayor requested an informational meeting between council and the authority board. The closed-door session will take place 6 p.m. Monday at the health center.

Harhai contends council must decide quickly the future of city operations because city hall has asbestos, mold and other health and safety problems. The building is not handicap-accessible, has no central air conditioning and costs more than $100,000 per year to maintain.

Harhai said it would cost more

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Regola gets by with help from his friends

The GOP state senator's defense fund has drawn more than $14,000.

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State Sen. Bob Regola has received a little help from his friends to defend himself and his teenage son against criminal charges stemming from the death of a neighbor boy who was fatally shot with the senator's handgun.

A legal defense fund, established last spring by Hempfield resident Brad Mellor, has generated more than $14,000 to pay attorneys representing the first-term Republican from Hempfield and his son.

Sen. Regola, 45, of Hempfield is charged with felony perjury and firearms counts and misdemeanor offenses of false swearing and reckless endangerment.

He allegedly gave authorities conflicting statements about how he stored the 9 mm Taurus pistol used in the shooting of Louis

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Yoi, Cope dead at 79

By The Associated Press

Myron Cope

PITTSBURGH – Myron Cope, the screechy-voiced announcer whose colorful catch phrases and twirling Terrible Towel became symbols of the Pittsburgh Steelers during an unrivaled 35 seasons in the broadcast booth, has died.

He was 79.

Cope died Wednesday morning at a nursing home in Mount Lebanon, a Pittsburgh suburb, Joe Gordon, a former Steelers executive and a longtime friend of Cope's, told The Associated Press.

Cope had been treated for respiratory problems and heart failure in recent months, Gordon said.

Cope's tenure from 1970-2004 as the color analyst on the Steelers' radio network is the longest in NFL history for a broadcaster with a single team and led to his induction into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2005.

Yesteryear

The late Joe Rock left, legendary founder and manager of The Skyliners, hams it up with disc jockey Jim "JD the DJ" Dudas at radio station WESA in Charleroi. Rock was a frequent guest on the popular Mon Valley Memories show hosted by Dudas, who is celebrating 25 years in broadcasting.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Fees (FROM PAGE ONE)

Fisher said names of those who have not signed agreements will be posted at the municipal building so other residents can encourage them to sign. In an unrelated matter, Fisher discussed legal fees paid over the past three years.

Several months ago, resident Kyle Miller asked for the figures following allegations of financial mismanagement.

Fisher, who was appointed after the alleged mismanagement took place, said the authority spent $10,160 on attorney fees in 2005; $13,386 in 2006 and $68,455 in 2007.

Fisher said the money last year was for various legal matters and a $25,000 personnel investigation conducted by attorney Timothy Maatta, of Monessen.

She said the board is still seeking a vendor to perform a forensic audit for a period covering 2005 through 2007.

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than $100,000 to solve problems at city hall.

He said the health center annex, built in 1978, has been appraised at $750,000. He said the building has a newer roof and modern amenities.

Harhai said the city is not in a position to own the main health center building because it is being leased by several organizations, and other tenants might rent space.

Petaccia said it would be too expensive to maintain the main health center.

The health center lost its main tenant, Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Inc., which moved in June to the former Montgomery Ward building in Charleroi. The move came after Monessen City Council rejected an SPHS proposal to buy the health center.

The authority built the annex because SPHS needed more space.

The main health center provides space for the Department of Health, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission and two new tenants - Agape Day Treatment Center and American Medical Programs.

If the city buys the annex, existing tenants could move to the main building.

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Cutting (FROM PAGE ONE)

had awarded millions of dollars in employee bonuses since July 2004 and spent $108,000 on an amusement park outing for employees in April.

Adolph's and Preston's testimony came the same day that officials from the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities told the appropriations panel that declining state financial support is forcing up tuition.

Nationally, the cost of going to college in 2007-08 was $13,589 at a four-year public institution and $32,307 at a private, nonprofit institution, according to the College Board in New York City.

PHEAA is not the only student lender squeezed by the credit crunch.

Lobbyists for Sallie Mae and other lenders are urging Congress to take action to strengthen the student loan market, according to The Hill, a Washington, D.C.-based newspaper.

It reported Monday that more than a dozen auctions for bonds backed by student loans have failed in recent weeks, including some backed by federally subsidized loans.

If Congress fails to provide more aid and markets don't improve, all student loans could eventually disappear, Preston said.

Preston said the national crisis is unprecedented in recent history.

"I've been in banking 25 years, and I've never seen this much disruption," he said.

It is happening as a result of the so-called subprime crisis that has wracked the mortgage industry, in which questionable loans were made to clients with spotty credit as housing prices ballooned, then collapsed. A subsequent high rate of defaults and foreclosures has had a widespread ripple effect on credit.

"We're having problems getting access to capital. We're not able to sell our bonds at auction," said PHEAA spokesman Keith New.

PHEAA suspended loans in a two-step process: out-of-state loans were suspended two weeks ago and the remainder, including loans to Pennsylvania residents, will stop on March 7. It won't affect about 2.7 million students, former students and parents with existing loans.

"With the crunch in markets, it just doesn't make sense to borrow money and give it away," said Sen. Sean Logan, D-Monroeville, PHEAA's vice chairman.

Amanda Reed, a member of the Student Government Board at the University of Pittsburgh, expressed concern about the action.

"We have a pretty big out-of-state population," said Reed, 20, a sophomore from Harrisburg. "Pitt gets more expensive every year. This would be a big portion of their student aid taken away."

About 80 percent of the undergraduates at Carnegie Mellon University are from out of state. William Elliott, vice president for enrollment at CMU, said he expects most out-of-state students obtain loans from their home states.

"Obviously, we'll have to look at this," he said.

Layoffs at PHEAA are not out of the question, officials said.

"At this point, I think everything is on the table," said Logan. "We're looking at every option."

In 2006, graduates of Pennsylvania colleges and universities owed an average of $22,776, according to The Project on Student Debt, a nonprofit group based in Berkeley, Calif. It's the eighth-highest amount in the country.

At a summit called last week by PHEAA, policymakers encouraged the federal government to provide short- and long-range aid.

Congress cut $20 billion from the Federal Family Education Loan program in October. The program helps 80 percent of students pay for college.

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Regola (FROM PAGE ONE)

Farrell, 14, in July 2006. Farrell's body was found in his backyard, next door to the Regola home. Coroner Kenneth Bacha ruled that the gunshot wound was self-inflicted.

Regola is accused of lying during an inquest last March, denying that his son, Robert "Bobby" Regola IV, now 18, kept the weapon in his room. The senator's son was later adjudicated delinquent of a misdemeanor gun offense in juvenile court.

If convicted of a felony offense, Regola would be disqualified from serving in the Senate.

Regola said Tuesday that he appreciated the contributions but declined to reveal the extent of his legal bills.

"I have no role in soliciting donations to this fund," Regola said. "The money goes in, and Brad pays the bills. Hopefully, a lot more money will come and pay for these bills."

Mellor, a sportsman who supports gun ownership rights and works as an attorney in Pittsburgh, created the fund last June, about a month after criminal charges were filed against Regola.

The defense fund has secured 27 donations from 26 sources totaling $14,225.

"I wanted to provide a vehicle for people to support the senator," Mellor said. "It's been word of mouth, through phone calls. There is no target amount, because with legal fees you don't know what they are going to be."

The largest donor is the Harrisburg lobbying firm of Malady & Wooten, which in October gave $2,000. The list of donors includes a group of lobbyists as well as several Republican state lawmakers, including Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson County; Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County; and Sen. Don White, R-Indiana County.

"From what I can see, the district attorney down there is on a mission and certainly Bob's being put to the test. He's singling a guy out,' Scarnati said. "At the end of the day we'll have to review what happened and what motivated this district attorney. I'm troubled by the district attorney's tactics and actions. I support Bob."

Who's helping the senator

- Malady & Wooten LLP, Harrisburg -- $2,000
- F. Joseph & Joann Loeper, Thornton -- $1,000
- Roger A. Madigan, Towanda -- $1,000
- Edwin B. & Katherine J. Erickson III, Newton Square -- $1,000
- Michael S. Long, Lebanon -- $1,000
- Don White, Indiana -- $1,000
- Lewis, Eckert, Robb & Co., Plymouth Meeting -- $1,000
- Michael W. & Cindy J. Brubaker, Lititz -- $500
- Robert M. Tomlinson, Bensalem -- $500
- Stephen C. Macnett, Harrisburg -- $500
- Jacob D. & Kelli L. Corman III, Bellefonte -- $500
- Joseph B. Scarnati III, Harrisburg -- $500
- Dominic F. Pileggi, Chester -- $500
- Robert D. & Grace A. Wurzbach, Avalon, N.J. -- $500
- Louis J. Biacchi, Harrisburg -- $500
- Rocco V. & Debra M. Pugliese, Camp Hill -- $500
- K. Bradley & Kimberly M. Mellor, Hempfield -- $300
- Prairie Hill Farms/R.C. Whisner, New Stanton -- $300
- Michael Matievich, McKeesport -- $250
- Bob & Lesa Cranmer, Pittsburgh -- $250
- Thomas J. & Ruth C. O'Conner, Trafford -- $200
- David A. Atkinson, Harrisburg -- $100
- Thomas W. or Nancylee Starke, Camp Hill -- $100
- Donald R. & Mary Lou Hacker, Greensburg -- $100
- Samuel B. Saxton, Allentown -- $75
- Nathan P. & Kathryn H. Silcox, Mechanicsburg -- $50

District Attorney John Peck responded.

"The facts of the case speak for themselves," Peck said. "Prosecution is based solely on the facts the case has produced and nothing else."

Four contributions, totaling $900, come from people who list a Westmoreland County address.

Mellor, who gave $300 to the fund, said most of the money has been paid out.

"There's not enough there to cover all the legal expenses. It's almost been entirely distributed," Mellor said.

Attorneys Duke George, of New Kensington, and Charles Porter Jr., of Pittsburgh, represent Regola in his criminal case. George represents Regola's son.

Defense attorneys have asked a Westmoreland County judge to dismiss the criminal charges for a lack of evidence. No ruling has been issued.

Regola's criminal trial is tentatively scheduled for May.

The senator is unopposed in the April 22 primary election. Regola last year raised more than $221,000 for his campaign.

Donations to the Regola Legal Fund can be mailed to P.O. Box 701, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Valley briefs

Murtha's lone foe kicked off ballot

The road to re-election for veteran U.S. Rep. John Murtha just got a good bit smoother.

A state judge on Tuesday ruled that the lone Republican running in the primary for the western Pennsylvania seat did not collect enough signatures to make the ballot.

Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson said Republican candidate Bill Russell's nominating petition contained only 993 valid signatures, seven fewer than required.

That left Murtha, 75, a Democrat, without opposition in the primary or general election.

Russell, 45, left the Army two years short of retirement and moved from Washington, D.C., to Johnstown to challenge Murtha. He said Tuesday that bad weather and other factors made it difficult to collect enough signatures in the heavily Democratic district, which includes much of the Mid-Mon Valley.

Russell, citing a lack of money, said he was not planning an appeal to the state Supreme Court but would entertain a write-in nomination.

To qualify as a write-in, Russell would need at least 1,000 votes and would have to be the top vote-getter in the Republican primary.

Murtha has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1974 and has been a leading Democratic critic of the Iraq war.

Ex- judge wants his trial in 'Burgh

Former Superior Court Judge Michael Joyce wants his federal insurance fraud trial moved from Erie to U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh.

Joyce's attorney says news coverage of the case has generated enormous prejudice toward his client and spawned a "media feeding frenzy" in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Federal trials in Erie draw jurors from Erie, Crawford, Elk, Forest, McKean, Venango and Warren counties. If the trial is moved to Pittsburgh, jurors would be drawn from southwestern Pennsylvania counties where there has been less media coverage.

Joyce is accused of defrauding two insurance companies out of $440,000 by allegedly exaggerating loss claims stemming from a 2001 car accident.

Children's Hospital plans liver study

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is one of 10 U.S. pediatric hospitals selected to study destructive liver disease in children, the hospital said today.

The disease, called primary sclerosing cholangitis, is progressive and eventually causes liver failure. About one in every 100,000 people will get it. There is no known cause, proven treatment or cure.

Children's researchers will partner with scientists in the United States and Canada to create a database and collect information about the disease. The goal is to develop better ways to detect the disease, find an effective treatment and lay the groundwork for future studies.

"This effort is so important for many reasons -- most important is to better understand the disease and how to treat it," said Dr. Benjamin L. Shneider, head of the Pediatric Hepatology Program at Children's.

Diminutive lawyer likes her football

She's a tiny 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs only 120 pounds, but Donora native Jennifer Cairns plays a tough defensive back on the Pittsburgh Passion professional women's football team.

Having been in practice since early January, the team will be making its debut in the Independent Women's Football League in March.

The Passion went 12-0 and won the National Women's Football Association championship last year in its fifth year of existence.

They'll play such teams as Washington, D.C., Detroit, New York, Boston and Chicago this year.

A practicing attorney in Pittsburgh, Cairns, 31, attributes her drive and accomplishments to her family.

"My mother, Claudia, and Noni Helen (Jurik) have supported me with encouragement and love," she said. (They currently reside in Carroll Twp.)

Jennifer's identical twin sister, Shannon, also played for the Passion during its inaugular year, but has since moved to Puerto Rico.

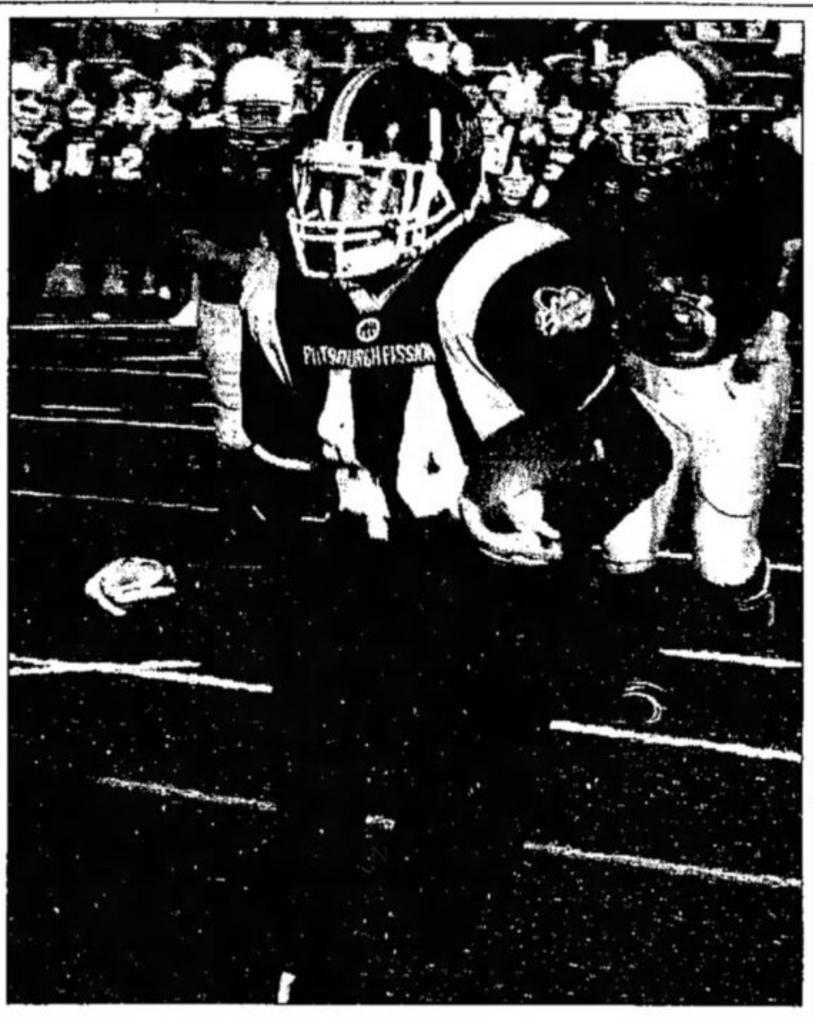
Their brother, Brian, lives in New York City.

Law and football were Jennifer's goals.

A graduate of Serra Catholic High, Duquesne University and Syracuse University College of Law, Jennifer found out about the Passion while studying for her bar exam.

She works for the McGuire Woods law firm in downtown Pittsburgh.

Her work focuses on general civil litigation with



Donora native Jennifer Cairns is on her way to another touchdown for the Pittsburgh Passion football team.

Emma Jene **LELIK**

emphasis in product liability litigation. Cairns began practicing law five years ago.

Joining a football team was an easy decision for sports-minded Jennifer.

She and Shannon swam independently for Serra Catholic High and, later, both swam and played lacrosse for Duquesne University.

"Law and football are similar," Jennifer said. "Both require being aggressive."

She said she's not afraid to take a hit and has suffered a broken hand and torn a ligament in her knee.

That's not all.

She once got her nose broken by an opponent.

Now she wears a plastic shield and tapes her fingers to reduce the chance of injuries.

Number 44 on the team, Jennifer scored five touchdowns one season.

Although she has a stressful job as a lawyer, she feels football helps to relieve tension in her life.

Cairns is also a staunch supporter of all animals.

"My dream is to open and run a no-kill (animal) shelter of my own someday," she said.

She has also found time to volunteer as an assistant swim coach for the Allegheny County Special Olympics Swim Team.

Charleroi school board opposes state proposal for graduation testing

Resolution says years of classroom achievement is more important than a few tests.

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FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP - One series of assessment tests late in a student's senior year does not equal 12 years of achievement in the classroom.

That's the message the Charleroi Area School Board sent to the state Department of Education on Tuesday, passing a resolution rejecting the state's proposed Graduation Compentency Assessments.

The Department of Education is proposing that by 2014, all students would have to pass a battery of tests in math, science, English and social studies.

In a letter to the board, the department requested that the district approve the proposed assessment tests.

Instead, the board approved a resolution rejecting the tests.

The resolution noted that all students - from those college bound to special needs students - would be held to the same standards in the proposed tests.

"Decades of research shows many reasons why standardized pencil-and-paper test scores should never be the determining factor in making decisions about students, and that a diploma should be granted based on paperwork, tests and quizzes, presentations, and projects throughout the student's career," the resolution stated.

The board also noted in the resolution that the department has not determined what the tests will cost districts to administer. The state underfunds education currently, the resolultion noted.

The board voted 8-0 to approve its resolution.

In other business, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association recognized board President Ken Wiltz for 32 years as a school board member and Rich Hall for 12 years on the board.

Sandy Yohe, director of PSBA region 3, which encompasses Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene counties, presented a plaque to Wiltz and a certiificate to Hall.

Yohe said the average director serves five years. The PSBA begins recognizing directors after eight years of service and every four years after that.

"We think it is important to recognize directors with extended service," Yohe said.

Wiltz called serving on the board a "labor of love."

He estimated he has seen close to 3,600 students graduate in more than three decades.

Wiltz said his priorities have always been the students, the taxpayers and the staff.

"It's about the kids and being able to touch their lives in some ways," Wiltz said."

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Prosecution witness praises ex-coroner

Dr. Cyril Wecht's former secretary calls him "one of the most admirable men I've ever met."

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More than half of the criminal charges against former Allegheny County Coroner Cyril H. Wecht involve less than two hours of a county secretary's time and less than $4 in telephone charges for faxes she sent on behalf of his private business, according to her testimony Tuesday.

Eileen Young, a prosecution witness testifying under immunity, estimated she spent 103 1/2 minutes typing letters and invoices she faxed to Wecht's private clients from her office at the county morgue from 2002 to 2005.

County phone records show $3.96 was spent to send those faxes, which led to 24 fraud counts against Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill.

About 34 minutes Young said she spent sending tissue slides to private clients led to three more of the 41 fraud and theft charges.

Young, testifying for the sixth day, said Wecht was a hard worker who benefited the county through his public and private work.

"I think Dr. Wecht is one of the most admirable men I've ever met in my life," she said.

Wecht spent $1.4 million to operate his private business in 2003, a year when Young sent $2.53 worth of the faxes to his private clients using a coroner's office fax machine, she testified. The office since has become the Medical Examiner's Office.

Cable TV hosts such as Geraldo Rivera and Larry King often sought Wecht's comments because of his status as one of the world's best forensic scientists -- not because he was a county coroner, Young said.

"I truly believe he's been a benefit to Allegheny County," Young testified. "I think most people know who he is. I've traveled places and people say, 'Oh, you work for Dr. Cyril Wecht?' They don't say, 'You work for the Allegheny County coroner?'"

In addition to her county salary, Wecht paid Young about $24,000 a year for working on his private cases.

Young began working for the county in 1985 and was paid $69,960 a year when she resigned in June 2005.

A federal grand jury indicted Wecht in January 2006.

Prosecutors claim Wecht used county employees and resources, including a fax machine, for his private business.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

LARICCIA – Joseph V. Lariccia, of Monessen, on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

KONSTANTINIDES — H. Mark Konstantinides, 58, of Monessen, on Saturday, Feb. 16. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

PASKO — Julia Pasko, 88, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Fallowfield Township, on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

TABOR — Mary A. Tabor, 91, of Fayette City, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
BITONTI, Frank*
BUTERA, Salvatore*
*** See death notice**

Frank Bitonti
Belle Vernon

Frank Bitonti, 75, of Belle Vernon, died Monday, February 25, 2008, in Jefferson Hills Manor, Jefferson Borough. Born in Belle Vernon on July 1, 1932, he was the son of the late Salvatore and Mary Spina Bitonti. He worked as an electrical engineer for U.S. Steel. Mr. Bitonti was a retired Colonel for the U.S. Army Reserves and a member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township. He is survived by his son, Thomas Bitonti, of Carey, N.C.; two daughters, Marie T. Smith and husband, Robert, of Mentor, Ohio, and Diana L. Hardy, of Madison, Ohio; two grandchildren, Madeline Smith and Robert Smith; and one brother and sister, Joseph Bitonti and Anna Adametz, both of Belle Vernon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Sam Bitonti. Friends will be received Thursday, February 28, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, February 29, until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, with his pastor, the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli, presiding. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Salvatore Butera
Charleroi

Salvatore "Sam" Butera, 90, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, February 26, 2008, in his home. He was born July 8, 1917, in Charleroi, a son of the late Joseph and Josephine Arcadipane Butera. He was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi, VFW Post No. 167, American Legion Post No. 22 and Elks Lodge No. 494, all of Charleroi. Sam was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Finance Corps. He was retired as the owner of the Maples Restaurant in Charleroi. Surviving is one son, Joseph Butera, of Charleroi; two sisters, Rose Butera, of Charleroi, and Mary Barkey, of Monongahela; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Bosetti Butera; and two brothers, Joseph D. and Leonard Butera. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Thursday, February 28, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, February 29, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church with the Rev. Patrick Barkey, Mr. Butera's nephew, officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Julia Pasko
Belle Vernon

Julia Pasko, 88, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Fallowfield Township, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Jefferson Hills Borough, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Pasko was born in Donora on February 25, 1920, a daughter of the late John and Helen Witlinski Sewak. Julia lived most of her life in Fallowfield Township and was a very active member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Donora, where she was a member of the choir and the "R" Club. Prior to her retirement, Julia was a hairdresser for 60 years, and she also worked several years for the State of Pennsylvania. In 1942 she married John Pasko, who preceded her in death on March 4, 1970. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Jon Pasko; two sisters, Ann Drake and Helen Paige; one brother, Peter Sewak; and one nephew, Jack Paige. Survivors include three daughters, Tamara (Frank) Chacko, of Washington, Pa., Rebecca (Mike) Horan, of Elizabeth, and Janine (William) Shepler, of Belle Vernon, with whom she made her home; four grandchildren, Billy (Jodi Duda) Petyak of Ohio, Michael (Cindy) Horan, of Lancaster, Amanda (Kent) Petry, of Pittsburgh, and Erika (Dave Barrett) Horan, of Waynesburg; three great-grandchildren, Logan Jester, and Andrew and Connor Horan; one brother, Dr. John Sewak, of the state of California; and nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Thursday, February 28, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where a brief service will be held Friday, February 29, at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services in St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Donora, at 10 a.m. with the Very Rev. Igor R. Soroka officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. A Parastas service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary A. Tabor
Fayette City

Mary A Tabor, 91, of Fayette City, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. She was born October 3, 1916, in Washington Township, Fayette County, a daughter of the late John Berna Sr. and the late Theresa Tomyko Berna. She was a member of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Fayette City. Surviving is her son, William (Nancy) Tabor, of Fayette City; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Gengo, of New York, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Tabor; three brothers, John, Joseph and Frank Berna; and one sister, Theresa Cheripko. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Thursday, February 28, at 11 a.m. in Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Fayette City, with the Rev. Richard E. Mackiewicz as celebrant. Arrangements are being handled by the ELEY/McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Fayette City.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

H. Mark Konstantinides
Monessen

Visitation for H. Mark Konstantinides, 58, of Monessen, who passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008, while vacationing in Florida, will be held at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., a Golden Rule Funeral Home, 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, on Friday, February 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to noon, at which time a Memorial Service will be held in the funeral home chapel with Fr. Demetrios Gardikes officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Mr. Konstantinides' name to the American Heart Association.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph V. Lariccia
Monessen

Joseph V. Lariccia, of Monessen, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. Friends will be received Thursday, February 28, from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., a Golden Rule Funeral Home, 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced in Thursday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday before Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner, of West Newton:

■ Brien Scott Savko, 41, of 830 Oakland Ave., Charleroi, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Savko was charged with criminal attempt to commit burglary after an incident May 11 at 546 Webster Hollow Road in Webster.

■ A simple assault charge against Christopher Lewis, 20, of 258 Salem Church Road, Belle Vernon, was dismissed because the victim failed to testify. Lewis was charged after an incident Nov. 20 at his residence.

■ Frances Marie Scagline, 28, of 285 Oliphent St., Van Meter, waived the right to two preliminary hearings. Scagline was charged with theft by deception and bad checks in connection with incidents Nov. 16 and 25 at Quality Used Cars, 616 W. Main St., West Newton. Scagline also was charged with bad checks in relation to a check written Nov. 26.

■ Timothy David Corwin, 21, of 706 Third St., Charleroi, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Corwin was charged with theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief after an incident May 31 at 238 Skyline Drive, Belle Vernon.

■ Brittany Michel Kennedy, 19, of 406 Prince Circle, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Kennedy was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, drugs, device or cosmetic after an incident Jan. 1 on Route 136 in West Newton.

■ A warrant was issued against Lony Alexandria Mori, 28, of 622 First Ave., Sutersville. Mori failed to attend a preliminary hearing. She was charged with retail theft after an incident Dec. 7 at Giant Eagle, 105 Robertson St., West Newton.

■ A warrant was issued against Karen Laura Swoger, 31, of Ellsworth. Swoger failed to attend a preliminary hearing. She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, drugs, device or cosmetic, and traffic violations after an incident Oct. 8 at the Relax Inn on Finley Road in Rostraver Township.

■ Earl Mickey, 23, of 32 Marion Villa, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Mickey was charged with criminal conspiracy, criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and receiving stolen property after an incident Nov. 4 at Giant Eagle, 105 Robertson St., West Newton.

■ James F. Foster Jr., 29, of 202 N. Third St., West Newton, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Foster was charged with criminal conspiracy, burglary, criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking or disposition after an incident Aug. 29 at K-Vay's Restaurant in Sewickley Township.

Larry Hopkins, Charleroi

■ Zachary W. Benning, 20, of 70 Dairy Road, Charleroi, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on one count each of theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, and receiving stolen property.

Benning was accused of taking five buckets of copper shavings from the stockyard of Leslei Precisions, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

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POLICE LOG

Southwest Regional

■ Stacy Nichols, of 102 Back St., Apt. B, Coal Center, reported her home was burglarized sometime from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday. She said a necklace was stolen and eight pairs of shoes and clothing had been cut. A computer and printer owned by Jill Gregg was also stolen. Anyone with information is asked to call police at (724) 929-8484.

■ A credit card owned by Paul Hefner of Belle Vernon was activated and used without his permission sometime from Feb. 7 to 13, police said.

Julia "Gram" Rauscher

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke words of kindness as only a friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part. A special thanks to Fr. Dave Nazimek, altar server, choir and Robert Billick Funeral Home.
Thanks also to those who sent food, offered Masses and made donations to the Epiphany Church, Monessen, Meals on Wheels and the Monessen Public Library in Gram's name.

The Julia Rauscher Family

NEWS OF THE NATION

Fed chief Bernanke to give update

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is giving Congress a fresh assessment of the country's economic health, which has been pummeled by a housing bust, a credit crunch and soaring energy prices.

Back-to-back appearances on Capitol Hill were scheduled to begin Wednesday for Bernanke, who is facing his biggest challenges yet in his two years at the Fed's helm.

Bernanke, testifying before the House Financial Services Committee, was expected to signal another cut in a key interest rate, despite fresh evidence that inflation is picking up. Since September, the Fed has been lowering its key rate, which now stands at 3 percent. Economists are predicting another reduction at the Fed's next meeting, on March. 18.

The government reported Tuesday a sharp increase in wholesale prices. That followed a big increase in prices paid by consumers.

At the same time, the economy is losing speed, raising the specter that stagflation is brewing. That's a dreaded mix of stagnant economic activity, rising prices, lagging wages and higher unemployment – something the country hasn't seen since the 1970s.

'Seat-warmers' hired by Comcast

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Comcast Corp. on Tuesday acknowledged hiring people to fill seats before the start of a contentious federal hearing on how the company manages its broadband network, allowing its employees to take those seats when the filled-to-capacity hearing started.

Many people were turned away before Monday's Federal Communications Commission hearing at Harvard Law School, leading critics to accuse Comcast of stifling debate over the company's practice of favoring some forms of Internet traffic over others.

Comcast said it hired people to hold seats only after an advocacy group called Free Press urged its backers to attend.

"For the past week, the Free Press has engaged in a much more extensive campaign to lobby people to attend the hearing on its behalf," Philadelphia-based Comcast said in a statement.

After Free Press on Tuesday accused Comcast of using unfair tactics, Comcast spokeswoman Sena Fitzmaurice confirmed to The Associated Press that the company hired people to fill seats after the hearing room doors opened at 7 a.m. and before the 11 a.m. start. As Comcast employees arrived, they replaced the hired seat-warmers. Fitzmaurice declined to say who or how many were hired, how the company found them, or how much they were paid.

The company said it "informed our local employees about the hearing and invited them to attend. Some employees did attend, along with many members of the general public."

Exxon Valdez case up today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will consider whether to prevent victims of the Exxon Valdez disaster from collecting a $2.5 billion judgment, nearly 19 years after the tanker dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska waters.

In the case being argued today, Exxon Mobil Corp. wants the court to erase the award of punitive damages to nearly 33,000 commercial fishermen, Native Alaskans, landowners, businesses and local governments.

The 987-foot tanker, commanded by its captain, Joseph Hazelwood, missed a turn and ran aground on a reef in Prince William Sound, causing the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

A jury initially awarded $287 million to compensate for economic losses and $5 billion in punitive damages. A federal appeals court cut the punitive damages in half. The compensatory damages have been paid.

Now Exxon says it should not face any punitive damages because the company already has paid $3.4 billion in fines, penalties, cleanup costs, claims and other expenses.

Student suspended over Mohawk haircut

PARMA, Ohio (AP) — A kindergarten student with a freshly spiked Mohawk has been suspended from school.

Michelle Barile, the mother of 6-year-old Bryan Ruda, said nothing in the Parma Community School handbook prohibits the haircut, characterized by closely shaved sides with a strip of prominent hair on top. The school said the hair was a distraction for other students.

"I understand they have a dress code. I understand he has a uniform. But this is total discrimination," she said. "They can't tell me how I can cut his hair."

An administrator at the suburban Cleveland charter school first warned Barile last fall that the haircut wasn't acceptable. The school later sent another warning to her reiterating the ban.

Mohawks violate the school's policy on being properly groomed, school Principal Linda Geyer said.

Card Of Thanks

George M. Dudas

Our hearts are broken but your prayers, love and support have helped us through this sad and difficult time. George will live on in all of our hearts forever.

A special thank you to relatives, friends and neighbors; the Reverend Lewis Pascazi and those serving during the mass at Holy Redeemer Church and the Samuel Teolis Funeral Home, Ellwood City, PA; and the Reverend Joseph Feltz, St. Anthony's Church Monongahela, PA.

The Family of George M. Dudas

In Memory of
Veronica Kelemen

A Birthday Tribute today, February 27, in loving memory of our beloved mother & grandmother, Veronica (Florence) Kelemen, who passed away February 22, 2005. We're sending birthday wishes in care of Heaven above, for it's the birthday of the precious one we love. There'll be for her no birthday cake or lovely presents given, but our prayers & our love we'll send to her in care of God in heaven.

Sadly missed and loved by Mike & Alva, Bob & Kathleen, Debbie, Michael & Michele & their families

In Memory Of
Sherry Coccari

A Birthday Tribute, today, February 27, in loving memory of our beloved wife, mother & grandmother, Sherry Coccari, who passed away January 16, 2007. We're sending birthday wishes in care of Heaven above, for it's the birthday of the precious one we love. There'll be for her no birthday cake or lovely presents given, but our prayers & our love we'll send to her in care of God in Heaven.

Sadly missed & loved by husband Randy, Children & Grandchildren

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 27

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2008. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

■ In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

■ In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

■ In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

■ In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

■ In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

■ In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

■ In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

■ In 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

■ **Ten years ago**: With the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.

■ **Five years ago**: The Bush administration lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow. Children's television host Fred Rogers died in Pittsburgh at age 74.

■ **One year ago**: A suicide bomber struck Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, who was rushed to a bomb shelter. (Twenty-three people were killed; Cheney was unhurt.)

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actress Joanne Woodward is 78. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 76. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 74. Actress Barbara Babcock is 71. Actor Howard Hesseman is 68. Actress Debra Monk is 59. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 54. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 51. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 48. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 48. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 47. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 47. Actor Adam Baldwin is 46. Actor Grant Show is 46. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 43. Actor Donal Logue is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 37. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 35. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker (Drive-By Truckers) is 30. Chelsea Clinton is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 28. Singer Josh Groban is 27. Actress Kate Mara is 25.

Associated Press

In this photo released today by the Turkish military, Turkish commandos are seen during an operation at an undisclosed location on the Turkish-Iraqi border. More than 40 military trucks ferried troops toward the Iraqi border today after a heavy snowfall slowed down Turkey's ground incursion against Kurdish rebels.

Gates to tell Turks to get out of Iraq soon

U.S. defense secretary says Turkish operation should stop within days.

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI — Defense Secretary Robert Gates headed for Ankara late today with a message for Turkish leaders: Get your troops out of northern Iraq in the next few days.

"It's very important that the Turks make this operation as short as possible and then leave," Gates said before departing India. "They have to be mindful of Iraqi sovereignty. I measure quick in terms of days, a week or two, something like that, not months."

Gates said he also will ask Turkish leaders in a series of meetings Thursday to address some of the complaints of the Kurds, and move from combat to economic and political initiatives to solve differences with them.

It was the first time that Gates put any time limit on the Turkish incursion launched into Iraq last Thursday against separatist rebels from the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. The rebels are fighting for autonomy in the largely Kurdish region of southeastern Turkey, and have carried out attacks from northern Iraq.

The Iraqi government demanded for the first time that Turkey immediately withdraw from northern Iraq, warning Tuesday it feared an ongoing incursion could lead to clashes with the official forces of the semiautonomous Kurdish region.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the operation would only end "once its goal has been reached."

One senior defense official traveling to Turkey with Gates said that as Pentagon leaders watched events unfold in the Turkish incursion, there was some debate over whether Gates should cancel his visit to Ankara this week.

But, after a "short discussion," the official said, it was determined that the better course of action was to go because it would be more effective for Gates to deliver his message in person, than not go and have his snub be the message. The official agreed to talk about the private discussions only on condition of anonymity.

Gates had just begun his overseas trip when the Turks launched their attacks. He will be meeting with the Turkish president, prime minister, defense minister and military chief of defense.

In other comments just before leading New Delhi, Gates said the U.S. is in the "early stages" of discussions with India on a missile defense system and is taking about doing a joint analysis to determine what India's needs will be and how the two countries can cooperate.

Gates also said the Indian government needs to move quickly to approve a landmark nuclear cooperation pact between India and the United States. "The clock is ticking in terms of how much time is available to get all the different aspects of this agreement implemented," he told reporters.

Gates said he has not heard from the Turks on how long they intend to continue the attacks in Iraq, and does not know whether the U.S. would consider halting its intelligence assistance to the Turks if it goes on too long.

He also said it is critically important for the Turks to communicate closely with the Iraqi government as well as the semiautonomous Kurdish leaders in northern Iraq. And he repeated contentions he made earlier this week, that military action alone will not solve the problems there.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Clinton, Obama in crackling debate

CLEVELAND (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama clashed over trade, health care and the war in Iraq Tuesday night in a crackling debate at close quarters one week before a pivotal group of primaries.

Charges of negative campaign tactics were high on the program, too.

Clinton said Obama's campaign had recently sent out mass mailings with false information about her health care proposal, adding, "it is almost as though the health insurance companies and the Republicans wrote it."

When it was his turn to speak, Obama said Clinton's campaign has "constantly sent out negative attacks on us ... We haven't whined about it because I understand that's the nature of these campaigns."

The tone was polite yet pointed, increasingly so as the 90-minute session wore on, a reflection of the stakes in a race in which Obama has won 11 straight primaries and caucuses and Clinton is in desperate need of a comeback.

Roadside bomb kills two NATO soldiers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO soldiers on patrol in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday hit a roadside bomb that killed two of the troops, while NATO said it found and destroyed $400 million worth of opium in the south.

The soldiers were conducting a routine patrol when they bomb went off in the Sharan district of Paktika province, said NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

ISAF did not provide the nationalities of the soldiers.

The latest casualties brings the number of foreign troops killed in Afghanistan to 21 so far this year, according to an AP tally of figures from ISAF and the U.S.-led coalition.

In 2007, insurgency-related violence killed more than 6,500 people, including 222 foreign troops. Last year was the deadliest yet since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

Euro soars to a record high

BERLIN (AP) — The euro climbed to a record high of $1.5057 in early European trading today as sentiment increased that the U.S. Federal Reserve would continue its rate cut campaign.

The 15-nation currency hit the high around 8:30 a.m. local time before falling back slightly to $1.5048, still above the $1.4967 it bought in late trading in New York on Tuesday — equal to the last record high it had reached, back in November.

Along with the rise in the British pound, which is nearing $2 again, the surging euro will not be kind to Americans visiting Europe — they'll have to pay more for hotel rooms in Rome. entrance fees at the Louvre and chocolates in Belgium.

On the other hand, the stronger euro makes shopping trips to the U.S. more appealing to Europeans.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

Two players hit 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $383,390.

Lottery officials said 266 players matched four numbers and won $203.50 each; 10,154 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 119,565 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, FEB. 26

DAY PICK 3:	6-2-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-9-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-7-4-3
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	1-0-6-2
TREASURE HUNT:	7-8-10-13-23
CASH 5:	5-12-22-38-39
MATCH 6:	1-16-27-34-40-47

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, FEB. 26

DAY PICK 3:	8-0-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-7-7
DAY PICK 4:	1-6-0-7
NIGHT PICK 4:	1-7-5-0
ROLLING CASH 5:	7-11-12-22-25

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, FEB. 26

DAILY 3:	8-6-9
DAILY 4:	1-8-5-0
CASH 25:	1-2-4-6-7-20

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OUR OPINION

MAHL may lose its few fans

FOR AN ORGANIZATION that just shut down operations in mid-season, the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League sure knows how to paint a rosy picture.

The five-team league, which includes our own Mon Valley Thunder, barely made it through half of its first season before going dark. But league officials are speaking glowingly about next year.

"This action was necessary to ensure the long-term viability of the league," said MAHL president Andrew Haines, "and we look forward to coming back much stronger for the 2008-09 season."

Thunder coach Brian Cersosimo echoed those sentiments, saying, "As bad as it may sound, it will be easier to reorganize for next year. ... Our plan is to be back at the Ice Garden next year."

Although the league and the Thunder are looking ahead to another season, we can't imagine why any fans would share their excitement.

We have supported the Mon Valley franchise — and the now-departed RiverRats of the American Indoor Football Association — since their inception. We want the local teams and their leagues to succeed, but we don't see any reason for further optimism regarding the MAHL.

Four of the league's five teams were experiencing severe attendance problems, and players were going weeks without paychecks. Although unpaid players in near-empty arenas are bad for morale, there's no way the league helped itself any by tanking the rest of the season.

There is no greater betrayal toward fans than to cut short a season without completion. Just ask the legions of baseball fans who still harbor bitterness over the strike-shortened 1994 campaign. Without a conclusion, the public will consider the time and money it invested in following a team to be wasted.

We hope the MAHL does have a future. It would be great to have a local, low-cost alternative to the National Hockey League. But after this year's betrayal, it will be tougher than ever to convince fans to care.

ANOTHER VIEW

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette, on Michigan and its delegates:

... The Democratic National Committee informed Michigan Democrats that if they persisted in holding an early primary, the DNC wouldn't seat delegates from Michigan at the Democratic National Convention in August.

As a result, Democratic candidates ignored Michigan. The additional clout that state Democrats thought they would get by disobeying the DNC evaporated.

But that was back when it was widely assumed that the Democrats would certainly have a clear front-runner after Super Tuesday. Or that at least someone, probably U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, would clinch the nomination well before the nominating convention. ...

Should the Michigan Democratic Party schedule a do-over election this spring or summer? It depends.

If either Obama or Clinton has clinched the nomination by May, Democrats would be best off to tell the DNC what it can do with its caucus. But what if neither Clinton nor Obama emerges with enough delegates by late spring?

Then Michigan Democrats would do well to go along and hold a caucus — at the party's expense, of course. Suddenly Michigan would matter again. Clinton and Obama would both be forced to campaign hard in Michigan. ...

Although Democrats would like to see the nominating process wrapped up soon and the intraparty sniping laid to rest, Michigan might better benefit from an Obama-Clinton race that goes down to the wire.

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Sex and the law

Charley **REESE**

Sexual predators allegedly preying on children through the Internet have become the subject of near mass hysteria in this country, thanks to all the people trying to make a buck off the subject.

Turns out, according to a scholarly study, your child is safer with the Internet than at the local mall.

The Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire has completed three nationwide surveys and concludes that Internet-related crimes against children are a pretty small proportion of the sex crimes that adolescents suffer.

Furthermore, the study found that sex crimes against adolescents are down, not up. They fell 52 percent between 1995 and 2003. Moreover, the majority of Internet predators are not pedophiles.

You can always count on the press and popular entertainment to abuse the language. Anybody, real or fictional, with sexual interest in an adolescent is in the popular vocabulary a pedophile. In fact, pedophiles are defined as people who are aroused by prepubescent children. Most are not interested in teenagers, even early teens.

Most Internet predators are adult males looking for sex with young teenage girls. Only 5 percent pose as teenagers themselves. And here's a shocker — three-quarters of the teens meet their Internet pal face to face with the full intention of having sex with the person. In other words, we are talking about statutory rape, not sexual assault.

Statutory rape is consensual sex with a person whom some legislative body has arbitrarily decided cannot give his or her consent. I say arbitrary because age-of-consent laws vary from country to country. The law and biology are two different things. It may please politicians to decide that a young woman cannot have sex until she is 18, but that has nothing to do with her biology, her desires or her real-life situation.

I personally don't think it is a good idea for teenagers to have sex. No birth-control method is foolproof, and our society, which demands long years of education and provides fewer and fewer jobs to those without the education, is ill-suited to early marriage. Abortion ought not to be an option. Death is too high a penalty for a child to pay for someone else's carelessness.

But I also think this is another problem better handled with education and parental counsel than with the criminal courts. Someone who has consensual sex is not a predator in the same way a rapist is. Statutory rape is a case of creating a crime by legislative decision and calling something rape that is not rape. The true rapist is a person more interested in violence and inflicting pain (and sometimes death) than in sex. Statutory rape involves sweethearts, or at least a couple who are mutually horny.

I'm sure there are plenty of men of my generation who, seeing stories about attractive young female teachers having sex with 15-year-old boys, say to themselves, "Where were these teachers when I was in high school?" Does that shock you? Hey, 15-year-old boys are extremely interested in sex. I think you would be hard-pressed to find any 15-year-old boy who would turn down an invitation from an attractive young woman to have a roll in the hay. Whether we who have escaped adolescence approve or not, I frankly don't see the boy as a victim or the woman as a criminal.

To quote the beadle in "Oliver Twist," if the law says that; then the law is an ass. And in our time, the law is frequently an ass on account of the people who make the laws being, for the most part, low-watt bulbs in a dimly lit chamber.

As is often the case, the problem of children having sex is a problem of children, not the technology used for communication.

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Ignoring Sharia's advance is stupid

Diana **WEST**

The Washington Post's E.J. Dionne Jr. thinks there's "something peculiar" about conservatives who turn "Islamic extremism into a mighty ideological force with the power to overrun the world."

In a way, he's right. There is indeed something peculiar about portraying "extremism," Islamic or otherwise, as an ideological movement of sufficient mass and might to capture the world. After all, "extremism" is something "extreme" practiced by, well, "extremists." You know — a few far-out kooks on the margins. Why worry? There's always that disclaimer that we, as a post-9/11 society, invoke when we talk about "Islamic extremism" (or, plain "extremism," as President Bush now prefers): Namely, that such extremism has nothing doctrinally or traditionally to do with Islam as practiced by the rest of the world's billion-plus Muslims. So much more reassuring to see things this way, at least as long as no one notes that Sharia (Islamic law) is advanced by "extremism" and Islam alike.

Of course, if Western society understands "extremism" merely as a marginal phenomenon, little wonder Dionne thinks it's odd that so many conservatives take it seriously — specifically, he writes, "Osama bin Laden's lunatic claims that he will build a new caliphate." Isn't Bin Laden just an extremist fruitcake on Islam's fringe, who, naturally, makes "lunatic claims"? It should take not a war to subdue him, but a warden.

Personally, I doubt so many conservatives really take the prospect of a Sharia-governed world seriously — even a Sharia-governed Europe, or, for starters, a Sharia-governed Britain. And that goes whether such prospects are promulgated by a notorious Al Qaeda jihadist or the Archbishop of Canterbury. After all, the threat to Western-style liberty posed not only by violent "extremism" but by creeping Sharia — with its dire implications for monogamy, women's rights, laws of evidence, freedom of belief and expression — has never even made it into the rationale behind President Bush's so-called "War on Terror." It certainly hasn't been a topic on the campaign trail or most opinion pages. What seems to divide political thought these days is that conservatives still worry about "extremism" and liberals don't. Conservatives want to fight extremism in Iraq and Afghanistan, and liberals don't. Islam — even as a, yes, democratically spread conduit of liberty-shrinking Islamic law — is out of the political debate altogether.

Not surprisingly, then, Dionne thinks conservative concerns over mere "extremism" are a political liability that Democratic presidential candidates — in their appeal to Americans bent on a leader "righting a jittery economy" and "rolling back extreme inequality" (did I miss the socialist takeover?) — should exploit. Examining John McCain's stated belief that "radical Islamic extremists," or plain "extremists," pose the "transcendent challenge of the 21st century," Dionne argues that Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama should be knocking this contention, which seems to strike the liberal columnist as fantastic. He writes: "Does (McCain) mean that in the year 2100, Americans will look back and say everything else that happened in the century paled in comparison with the war on terrorism?"

Well, who knows? If, for example, Europe has become an Islamic continent by century's end, as predicted by the oft-cited Bernard Lewis, they just might.

What's notable here is that Dionne, and, presumably some significant swath of liberal thought, don't see the war on terrorism as the stand-out priority even now. That's why he wants Democratic candidates attacking McCain on it. "If McCain's `transcendent challenge' claim falls apart on close examination," he writes, "the best rationale he has for his election would disappear."

In a way, he's right again. There is a transcendent challenge facing Americans, but we can't rise to it if our leaders can't explain it. President Bush certainly hasn't. To date, what should be a momentous civilizational debate — liberty versus Sharia — has fizzled into politically correct hemming and hawing over "extremism." This poses a transcendent challenge to McCain. Can he make it clear that such "extremism" is only a part of the problem? Does he even believe that? We urgently need to understand that Western-style liberty — freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, women's rights, equality before the law — requires vigilance and protection in an era of advancing Sharia.

Model of business growth

Local cleaner expands with acquisition of Fi-Del.

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John LaCarte, left, is president and Jack LaCarte is owner of Model Cleaners. The company recently expanded by buying out five store locations from Fi-Del Cleaners.

Model Cleaners, long a staple of the Charleroi business community, has expanded with the purchase of a South Hills-based dry cleaning firm.

And Model Cleaning is actively seeking further expansion, a strategic business move that is increasing employment for the firm in the Valley and the region.

The sale of Fi-Del Cleaners to Model Cleaners was completed at the start of the year, said John LaCarte, president of Model Cleaners.

With the acquisition, Model now has 14 dry cleaning locations.

Prior to the acquisition, Model Cleaners operated the following nine stores:

- Second Street and Lincoln Avenue, Charleroi.
- 4211 Clairton Road (Route 51), Brentwood.
- Willowbrook Plaza 4727 Route 51 Suite 410, Rostraver.
- Virginia Manor, 1717 Cochran Road, Mt Lebanon.
- 1744 Washington Road, Upper St Clair.
- 5029 Library Road, Bethel Park.
- Eastgate Plaza, 5126 Route 30 Suite 340, Greensburg.
- 90 Trinity Point Drive, Washington, Pa.
- 118 Gallery Dr., Peters Township.

Model Cleaners bought out Fi-Del Cleaners' five store locations at:

- 3038 Washington Pike, Bridgeville.
- 983 Greentree Road, Greentree.
- 250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Castle Shannon.
- Collier Town Centre, 1597 Washington Pike, Collier Township.
- Penn Lincoln Center, 420 Penn Lincoln Drive, Imperial.

Model Cleaners added 15 new employees at the Charleroi location to handle the additional work from those new stores while retaining 20 Fi-Del employees.

The new stores have already added to the Model Cleaners computerized system that permits the company to track orders and ensure orders are completed on time.

By mid-year, signs will be erected at the five locations converting them to Model Cleaners sites.

The decision to acquire Fi-Del Cleaners was a strategic business move, LaCarte said. He said dry cleaning is one of the smaller divisions of Model Cleaners. He said the dry cleaning market is being affected by several factors, including that it is considered discretionary spending by many consumers, the rising cost of fuel and that there is a trend toward casual rather than formal wear.

"We see it as an opportunity to strategically go out into one of the areas we wanted to move into," LaCarte said.

Model Cleaners is actively pursing other dry cleaning opportunities to acquire, LaCarte said. He said the firm is likely looking to the north and east for possible further expansion.

He said Model officials have approached firms they are interested in acquiring. LaCarte said Model officials are currently conducting talks with other dry cleaning companies about acquiring them.

All the dry cleaning work from the five new stores is coming back to Charleroi. That created the need to hire 15 new employees at Charleroi.

In the long term, Model Cleaners is looking to build a processing facility in another market, most likely in the North Hills.

"We're spending heavily this year to expand capacity of this plant," LaCarte said. "We're spending well into six figures to expand our capacity here."

The LaCarte family purchased Model Cleaners in 1986. At the time, it was one single store, located on Lincoln Avenue in Charleroi.

The brothers started coming back to the company in the early 1990s after graduating college. Beginning in 1992, Model Cleaners began a trend of opening at least one new store a year.

While Jack LaCarte remains owner of the company, he is surrounded by his sons in the business: John is president; Dave is apparel sales general manager; Joe is uniform rental general manager; Dan is dry cleaning store/route general manager; and Mike is dry cleaning operations general manager.

In November 2007, Model Cleaners closed the Tri-County Plaza store and consolidated operations there with the Willowbrook Plaza store, also in Rostraver Township.

Consumer confidence takes a dive

Worries about jobs, business conditions pushed down key economic indicator.

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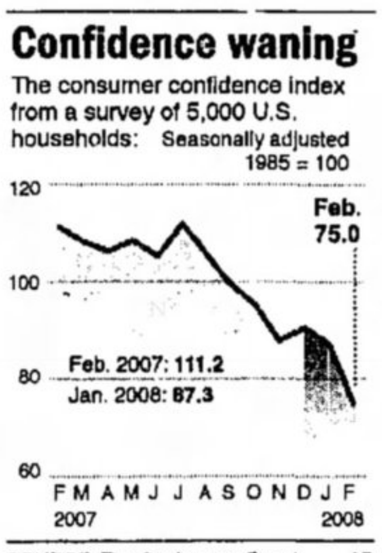
NEW YORK — Consumer confidence plunged in February as Americans worried about less-favorable business conditions and job prospects, a business-backed research group said Tuesday.

The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 75 this month from a revised 87.3 in January.

The reading was the lowest since the index registered 64.8 in February 2003, just before the U.S. invaded Iraq, researchers said, and was far below the 83 expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson/IFR.

The index measures how consumers feel about the economy. It has been weakening since July, suggesting that wary consumers may retrench financially, which could fatigue the economy further.



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The expectations index, which measures consumers' outlook over the next six months, fared even worse. The expectations index dropped to 57.9 from 69.3 in January. The February figure was a 17-year low, the Conference Board said, standing just a bit above the 55.3 of January 1991.

In midmorning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 17.99, or 0.14 percent, to 12,588.21. Broader indexes, including the Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500, were down.

Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center, said in a statement that the consumer confidence survey — which is based on a sample of 5,000 U.S. households — indicated that consumers felt economic conditions were deteriorating.

"The weakening in consumers' assessment of current conditions, fueled by a combination of less-favorable business conditions and a sharp rise in the number of consumers saying jobs are hard to get, suggest that the pace of growth in early 2008 has slowed even further," Franco said in a statement accompanying the report.

She pointed to the low "expectations" reading and added: "With so few consumers expecting conditions to turn around in the months ahead, the outlook for the economy continues to worsen and the risk of a recession continues to increase."

A third reading, the index looking at current conditions, also dropped in February to 100.6 from 114.3 the month before.

Those saying jobs were "hard to get" rose to 23.8 percent in February from 20.6 percent in January, while those claiming jobs were "plentiful" decreased to 20.6 percent from 23.8 percent.

Anthony Chan, managing director and chief economist with JPMorgan Private Client Services in New York, said he believed "jobs and energy prices are weighing down on consumer confidence."

The weakening job situation also has been reflected in growing numbers of claims for unemployment benefits, he noted. The four-week average for claims, released by the Labor Department, rose to 360,500 last week — the highest level since claims spiked in October 2005.

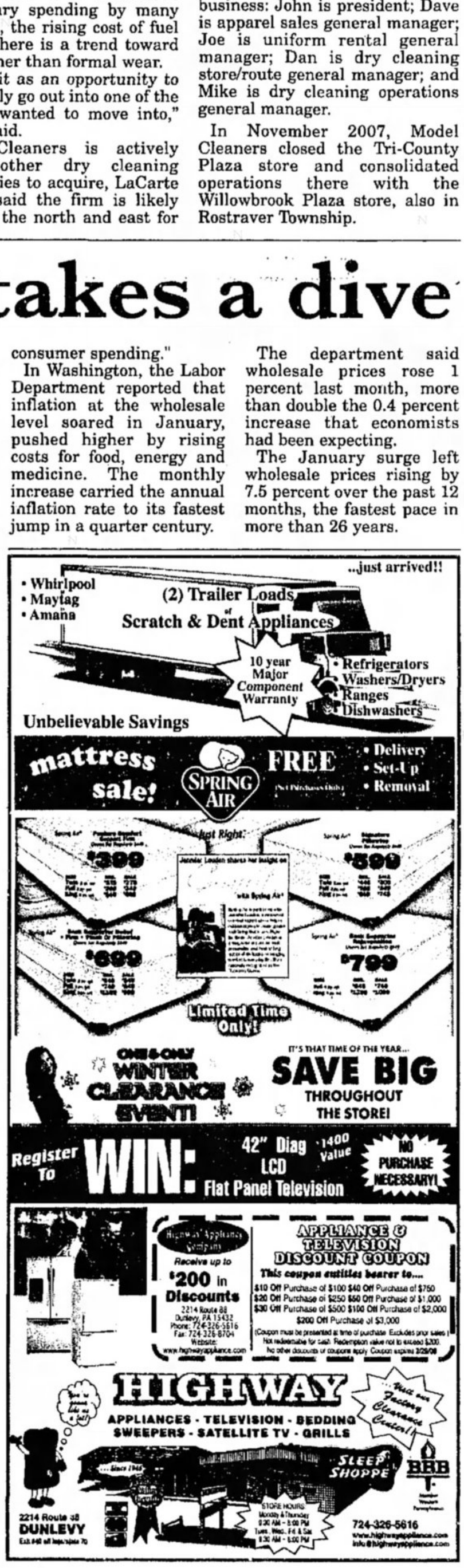
Chan said he expects the first two quarters of this year to be "challenging," with a 50 percent to 55 percent chance of a recession. He expects economic growth to resume in the second half because of Federal Reserve interest rate action and the Bush administration's tax rebates this summer.

"The Fed began easing last August and began lowering rates in September ... and monetary policy impacts the economy with lags," he said. "And the stimulus package in the second half of the year will be a nice shot in the arm for consumer spending."

In Washington, the Labor Department reported that inflation at the wholesale level soared in January, pushed higher by rising costs for food, energy and medicine. The monthly increase carried the annual inflation rate to its fastest jump in a quarter century.

The department said wholesale prices rose 1 percent last month, more than double the 0.4 percent increase that economists had been expecting.

The January surge left wholesale prices rising by 7.5 percent over the past 12 months, the fastest pace in more than 26 years.



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NEWS

Monessen, BVA teams win gifted competition

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Students from two Mid-Mon Valley schools took first-place honors earlier this week in an architectural design competition.

Regional middle and high school students from eight school districts presented their projects to judges Monday at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation's 12th annual Architecture Design Challenge.

The five-month long competition challenged Westmoreland County students to test their historical and architectural creativity by designing scaled-down models.

Students were asked to produce a model showing how they would renovate the vacant building at 134 Grant Ave. in Vandergrift.

Teams had to show how they would restore the exterior facade and rebuild the interior to house a community fine arts and education center, art gallery, and mini bistro.

The teams also gave six-minute oral presentations and presented written reports.

Monessen, Belle Vernon, Greensburg Salem, Franklin Regional, Belle Vernon, Penn Trafford, Mt. Pleasant, Yough and Valley school districts participated.

Gifted support students from Belle Vernon Area High School won first place with a model that features a revamped storefront with a clay facade and an interior that houses a chandelier hanging about three stories high.

Teacher Dave Tomasic said the students' complex design and choice of fired clay - a unique construction material - caught the eye of the judges.

Using clay presented a challenge Tomasic said.

"It shrinks in the process, so they had to predict all of that," he said of the design team.

Tomasic said the students were tasked with modernizing the building while maintaining an urban feel.

"The idea was to make it look like it already belonged on the street and to make it inviting so it could be used for art galleries, dancing or some educational purposes," he said.

"It was very unique. It looked like it belonged on the street, but it was very elegant as well. They kept the Victorian style and kind of modernized it a little bit.

"The judges were enamored with the detail and the overall design as well."

Tomasic said 28 students expressed interest in doing the project, but only three finished it.

"It's a very long, involved process," he said. "The project is difficult in the fact that some people find they can't meet the deadline or criteria and they simple weed themselves out.

"From September to February is a long time to stick with it. The kids have almost 200 hours in the project. That's more than they would spend in class during a year's course."

Belle Vernon's winning team comprised junior T.J. Sebastian and sophomores Haylie Parkinson and Anna Herold.

Sebastian and Herold have participated in the competition before.

Tomasic said Belle Vernon students have been involved in the program for about 10 years.

He said the recent first-place showing was the first in the four years he has been involved.

Monessen Middle School students earned two top honors.

The team comprised eighth grader Desiree Rice, seventh graders Joey Germinario and Dominick Francia and sixth grader Nathanael Moon.

They won first place in excellence and also took home the student choice award.

Students from each team were asked to vote for their favorite models from other schools.

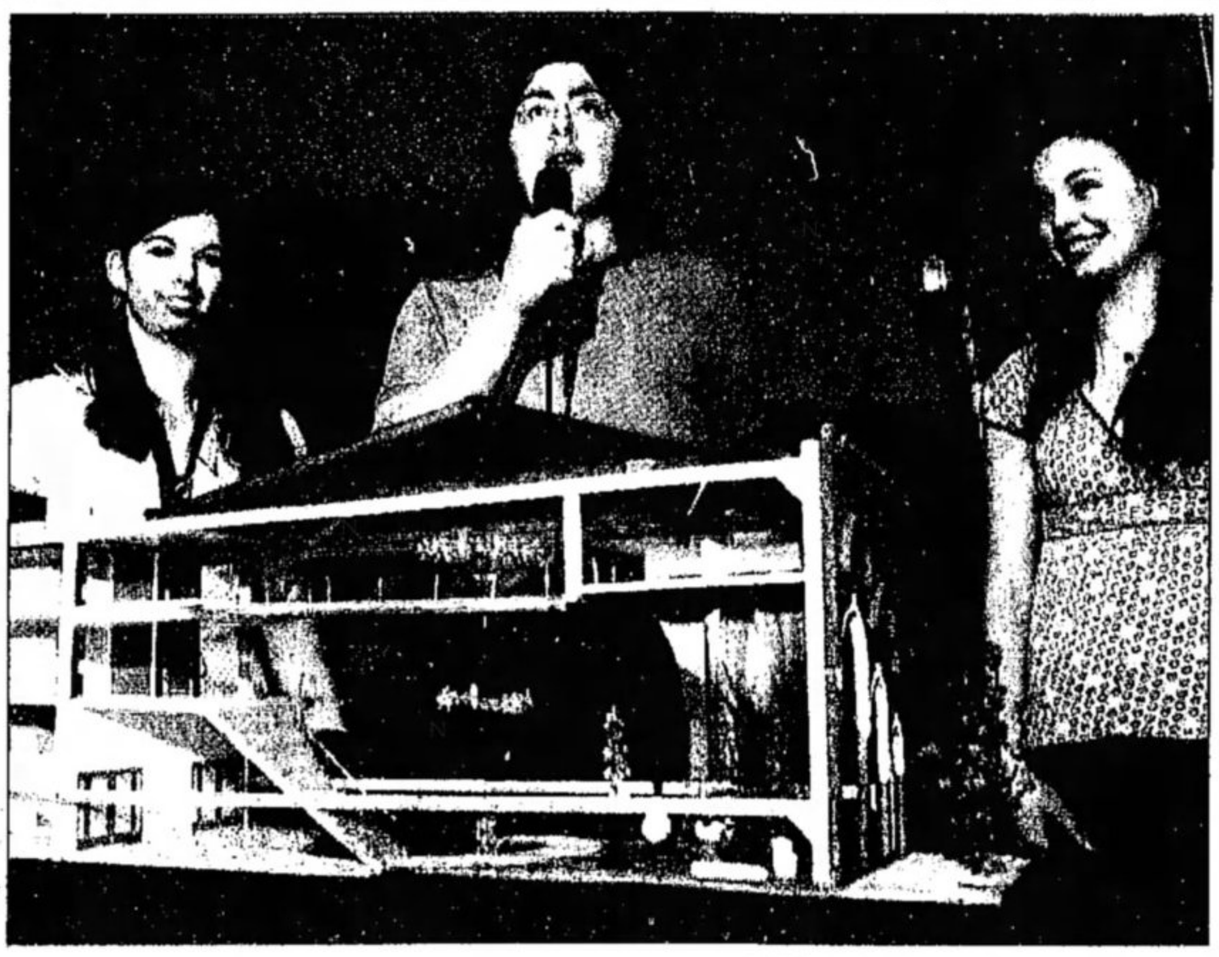
School principal Randy Marino said Monessen Middle School has competed in the event for the last few years.

"Anytime our kids win any kind of competition, I consider it a great thing for us," Marino said. "In today's world, so much is winning in athletics. Winning an academic competition is great."

Marino said he was impressed that Monessen bested 12 other teams from seven larger school districts.

"When I look at the size of these districts, there's no doubt we were the tiniest," Marino said.

(Valley News Dispatch reporter Francine Garrone contributed to this report.)



Belle Vernon Area High School gifted students Haylie Parkinson, left; T.J. Sebastian, center, and Anna Herold present their first-place, award-winning scale model of a Grant Street building in Vandergrift that will be renovated as part of the Vandergrift Improvement Program. The students were among eight Westmoreland County schools that made presentations on Tuesday at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vandergrift.

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Fayette set to buy new machines for voting

The commissioners will meet Thursday to ratify the purchase at a cost of $580,120.

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Fayette County Commissioners on Thursday will consider ratifying the purchase of 113 e-Scan voting machines at a cost of $580,120.

Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky announced during an agenda meeting Tuesday that he and Commissioner Vincent Vicites had given their approval to terms of a financing deal for purchase of the machines.

Zapotosky and Vicites said they were provided terms of the deal through Koch Financial late last Thursday. They had until noon yesterday to fax paperwork to the company to approve the deal, a deadline they said they met despite not having input from Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink.

Zimmerlink was out of the courthouse last week. Zapotosky said she was unavailable until after the deadline had passed.

Zimmerlink yesterday said commissioners should nonetheless have presented terms of the deal publicly before giving their approval. She wanted various details, including the interest rate, discussed publicly before approvals were given.

Zapotosky said the loan carries an interest rate of 3.92 percent and calls for a down payment of $170,000. Three annual payments, commencing in 2009, of $148,431 will follow.

Vicites and Zapotosky said they had to meet the Monday deadline to ensure delivery of the machines in time for the spring primary. Plans call for placement of at least one of the new machines at each of the county's 103 voting precincts.

Commissioners previously approved purchase of additional voting machines from Texas-based HartIntercivic. The machines are needed to help reduce waiting lines. The eScan machines also provide a paper trail, unlike the current eSlate electronic voting machines in use by the county.

With eScan, voters mark their choices on a paper ballot and feed the ballot into the machine, which stores the results on a flash memory card.

In another matter, commissioners will consider approval of a resolution to enact a hotel occupancy tax.

The tax on hotel rooms is estimated to generate about $750,000 annually, said Annie Urban, executive director of Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau.

Tentative plans call for a 3 percent tax, with revenues to be split between Penn State Fayette, the visitors bureau and a grant program.

Penn State would use its share over a five-year period to develop a hospitality curriculum. The visitors bureau would use its share to market tourism. The grants would be made available to nonprofit entities involved in tourism, Urban said.

Funds will be distributed in keeping with terms of a memo of understanding that is to be drawn up between the county and the visitors bureau. Urban said details of the memo will be finalized over the next several months, prior to enactment of the hotel tax.

TRIB TOTAL MEDIA'S

Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Q: I have several family members who have had heart problems, so I have been paying close attention to your columns about heart disease. I do what I can to prevent having any problems with my heart, but what if I do need surgery some day? What are the most common heart surgeries and what do they involve?

A: Since you've been reading the columns, you know that heart disease runs in my family, too. I also try to keep on all the latest when it comes to heart health, and I have greatly enjoyed learning so much about what's going on to help prevent heart disease and to care for heart patients.

To find the answers about heart treatments for you, I spoke with Dr. George Magovern Jr., who is the Chairman of Allegheny General Hospital's Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

I asked Dr. Magovern about options for interventional cardiology, as well as surgery.

Interventional cardiology includes procedures that you probably have heard about: balloon angioplasty and stenting. This is considered to be a first line of treatment, and is extremely effective when there is one blockage and good blood flow through the rest of the heart. As in more involved heart surgeries, this procedure is best performed when there are larger arteries.

Small women, elderly women, and obese women dealing with diabetes typically have smaller blood vessels; and therefore are not considered to be the best candidates for balloon angioplasty and stenting. For this procedure, a catheter (a thin, flexible tube) is inserted through the upper leg and threaded through a blood vessel to the heart. Through that catheter, surgeons position and

expand a little balloon that opens and stretches a blocked artery to prepare for the stent. Then a stent (a tiny somewhat flexible mesh tube) is moved in to act as scaffolding to keep the vessel from closing again. Stents now are infused with medication (drug alluding stents) that work to stop the build up of more plaque in the artery.

Traditional bypass surgery is the first choice for heart treatment when there are multiple blockages, or one significant blockage in an area of the heart that surgeons call the left main trunk; as well as in patients with some kind of impaired heart function.

Trying to pass a catheter through a blockage at the left main trunk of the heart would carry too much of a risk that a piece of plaque (fatty deposits) would break off and cause a major heart attack.

In coronary bypass surgery, surgeons use a healthy blood vessel that they get from another place in your body (usually your arm, leg, chest, or abdomen) and connect or graft it to other arteries in your heart to give blood and oxygen a healthy path to flow through your heart, around the blocked or diseased area.

There are different levels and methods used for coronary bypass procedures, but generally, surgeons make an incision through the breast bone to expose the heart. They use medicines to stop the heart so they are able to identify the vessels and do the bypass. Usually two or three bypasses are needed, but sometimes four or five are done. A heart and lung machine is sometimes used---based on the anatomy of the heart; the size and visibility of the vessels.

98%-99% of people who go through bypass surgery survive and are back home within a week. Bypass patients are generally seen again at 6 weeks after surgery, and are then able to return to work and normal activities. Also post-surgery, these patients take aspirin, and other medications to help to improve the function of the heart. They are also told to make lifestyle changes where needed: stopping smoking, eating a low-fat diet, and getting enough exercise.

Dr. Magovern told me, "people need to be educated about their options of stenting versus surgery. Find out the benefits and risks of each procedure specific to your situation. These should not be viewed as competitive treatments, but rather as complimentary to each other."

For more on heart disease, you can visit jenniferTVshow.com. We have links to heart information, as well as heart healthy recipes and fitness ideas to help you take care of your heart.

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It's All About A Woman's Heart

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Saturday, March 1, 2008
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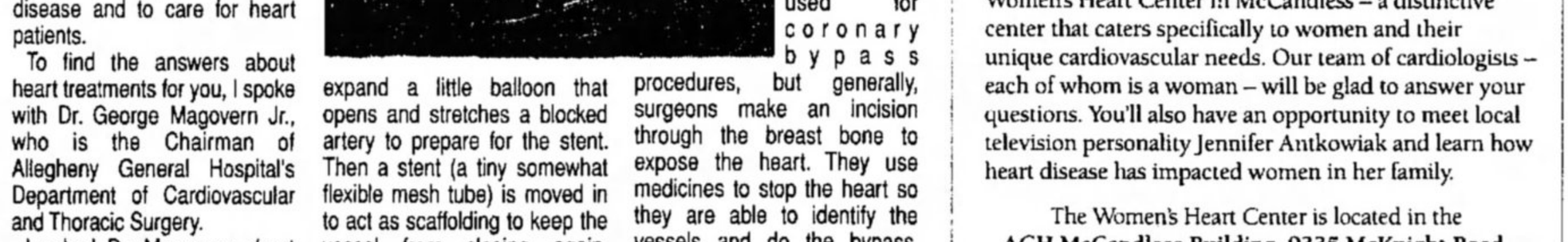
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Pitt women top WVU

It took overtime, but the Panthers came away with a 77-75 win over their arch-rivals.
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Valley SPORTS

Yao-ch ... Ming done for year

Houston's playoff hopes took a big hit when it was learned that center Yao Ming's season is over.
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Bucs eye winners

The Pirates may not have added big-name players to their roster, but they all have winning pedigrees.
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Sports Trivia

Who holds the California University men's record with 68 blocked shots in a season? 2B

Last night's scores

Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT
Washington 4, Minnesota 1
Boston 4, Ottawa 0
Montreal 5, Atlanta 1
Dallas 3, St. Louis 1
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3, SO
Colorado 3, Calgary 2, OT

Brian **HERMAN**

Like Vols, Cal enjoying banner year

When Tennessee was named the country's No. 1 men's basketball team 48 hours ago, it brought back mixed emotions to California University basketball coach Bill Brown.

Brown

It was on the second day of November that his Vulcans went to Knoxville for an exhibition game at the Thompson-Boling Area against the Volunteers.

A crowd of over 19,000 saw Tennessee embarrass Cal, 106-46.

Losing by 60 points, however, wasn't the only bad thing that happened to the Vulcans that night.

"After getting blown out, our bus broke down and we're stuck in the parking lot for six hours," he recalled. "Then we had to drive back all day for an exhibition game at Dayton."

"At the time, the entire experience left me wondering if it was worth it," he continued. "We knew they were really good. They were deep, athletic and quick."

The Volunteers' 66-62 victory at previously unbeaten and No. 1 Memphis over the weekend put Tennessee in the top spot for the first time.

"Coach (Bruce) Pearl is a good friend of mine and to see them have this type of season turns our experience there into something our guys will always remember," Brown went on. "We were very privileged to play them."

"Now I'm going to try to schedule the No. 1 team again next year," he laughed. "We'll throw our kids back to the wolves. We're working on going to Purdue, Georgia Tech and either Indiana or Maryland."

While Tennessee has been enjoying one of the best seasons in the school's history, the Vulcans aren't doing bad either.

California takes a 21-4 record, 12-game winning streak and 10-0 PSAC West record into tonight's regular season home finale with Slippery Rock.

The Vulcans close the league campaign at second-place Edinboro (20-5, 9-1) Saturday with the opportunity of being only the second Cal team to go 12-0. The first was in 1992 when Jim Boone took his team to the Elite Eight.

Brown, however, isn't looking past the oft-beaten Rock (7-18,4-6).

"Going unbeaten in the West is very difficult to do," he said. "Our players have the opportunity to establish their own legacy. It's been a nice run but we're not satisfied. We look at our next game as being the most important.

"If you would have asked our fans back in December, I don't think any would have said we had a shot of going unbeaten in the West," he said. "It's a testament to our seniors who have a special bond and chemistry."

Pens want to win now ... then do

Team pulls blockbuster deal to get Thrashers' Marian Hossa

GM Ray Shero pulls trigger at 11th hour by trading Armstrong, '08 top pick and more for premier player.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby lost his roommate and best friend. He gained the star linemate he's never had — Marian Hossa, a five-time All-Star who is being asked to make a major impact during what could be a short time in Pittsburgh.

General manager Ray Shero downplayed talk in advance that the Penguins would be major players at the NHL trading deadline Tuesday.

Surprise — they landed the biggest prize of the 45 players who were dealt in Hossa, a soon-to-be free agent who couldn't work out a new contract with Atlanta.

As usual, there were a flurry of down-to-the-wire deals, with Tampa Bay dealing star forward Brad Richards to Dallas, the San Jose Sharks prying away defenseman Brian Campbell from Buffalo, Colorado reacquiring defenseman Adam Foote from Columbus and Washington picking up goalie Cristobal Huet and forward Sergei Fedorov.

But the trade that sent shudders through the Eastern Conference was the Penguins adding Hossa to a high-scoring mix that already includes Crosby, last year's MVP and scoring champion, and Evgeni Malkin, the current scoring leader.

Marian Hossa

"Pittsburgh has so much talent, it's almost scary," said Hossa, who was in Ottawa with the Thrashers and couldn't leave in time for the Penguins' 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders.

Many of the conference's contenders pursued the 29-year-old Hossa, who tied for sixth in scoring with 100 points last season. Pittsburgh sneaked in at the last minute and grabbed Hossa, even though Shero estimated there was only a "5 percent chance" of doing so when the day began.

"I didn't think until a half-hour before the deadline this had a real possibility," Shero said. "This was a big deal to make."

In Montreal, where the fans made a big deal out of what became a curious day for the Canadiens after they couldn't trade for Hossa. The Canadiens traded starting goalie Huet for a draft pick without adding any players to their roster.

Still, the price Pittsburgh paid for Hossa was unusually high on a day when name players were routinely dealt for draft picks. The Penguins, for example, also picked up 6-foot-7 defenseman Hal Gill from Toronto for second- and fifth-round picks.

For Hossa, the Penguins gave up two quality young forwards in Colby Armstrong and Erik Christensen; 19-year-old Angelo Esposito, last year's first-round pick and this year's first-rounder. Once the draft is over, Atlanta will have acquired four players from Pittsburgh who are 25 or younger.

All for a player who becomes a free agent July 1 and had zero contract talks with the Penguins before the trade was made, although they also get right wing Pascal Dupuis (10 goals, five assists in 62 games) from Atlanta.

With the Penguins owning so many young scorers, Shero is convinced he could make the trade and not mortgage the future. But if the Penguins make an early playoff exit and the 29-year-old Hossa leaves, the deal could haunt them for years.

The Penguins prefer to think it might win them their first Stanley Cup in 16 years — or, as forward Petr Sykora said, "We're going for the big trophy."

When Crosby returns from the right ankle injury that has sidelined him since Jan. 18, he'll find himself without his road roommate in Armstrong — a gritty, hardworking forward known to his teammates as Army. The Penguins hope that plugging in Hossa on his line will ease Crosby's disappointment.

"A lot of guys have been playing with them (Armstrong and Christensen) for four or five years, so it's difficult," goalie Ty Conklin said. "There are some mixed emotions."

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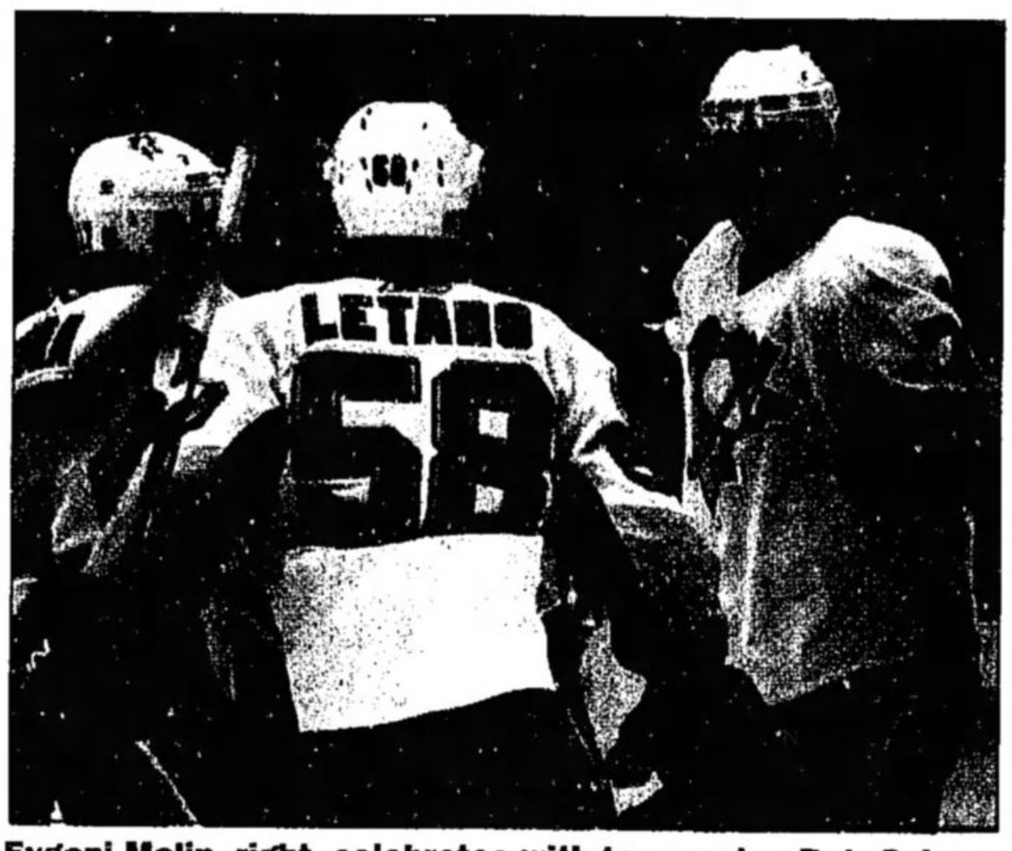

Evgeni Malin, right, celebrates with teammates Petr Sykora and Kris Letang after scoring a goal in the Pens' 4-2 win over the New York Islanders.

Early goals give Pens 4-2 win over Islanders

Ty Conklin turns back 50 shots - 23 in first period.

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — If the Pittsburgh Penguins can win when giving up 52 shots, just think how good they'll be when Sidney Crosby and Marian Hossa are passing the puck to each other.

On the day the Penguins won the trade deadline sweepstakes and acquired Hossa from Atlanta to play with Sid the Kid, Ty Conklin stole the show.

Conklin made an eye-popping, career-best 50 saves Tuesday night in the Penguins' 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders.

"Sometimes shot clocks aren't indicative of the game necessarily," a humble Conklin said.

Evgeni Malkin and Jeff Taffe scored first-period goals for trade-depleted Pittsburgh, and Conklin did the rest. Since coming up in December after Marc-Andre Fleury injured an ankle, Conklin has gone 17-4-5.

Pittsburgh jumped over Ottawa and is just one point behind New Jersey for the lead in the Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division.

"I haven't seen a goalie steal a game like that this year," Penguins defenseman Ryan Whitney said. "He is probably our MVP since Sid went out, he and Malkin. It's not something we want to make a habit of though."

Just hours after the Penguins made the biggest splash by acquiring Hossa for forwards Colby Armstrong and Erik Christensen, Pittsburgh pulled out a win despite being outshot 52-21.

Frans Nielsen scored on Conklin in the second period to get the Islanders within 2-1. Trent Hunter hit the crossbar less than 2 minutes into the third, and New York dropped its second straight following a six-game winning streak.

"We thought if we keep pressuring them, we'd score some goals and take over the game, and we didn't do that," forward Miroslav Satan said. "It just wasn't our day. We just have to remember what we did for six games in a row."

Pittsburgh went 2-for-4 on the power play, compared to 1-for-9 for New York, on the outside of the Eastern playoff race.

"I'm not really sure we played our best game," Conklin said. "We got some breaks, a couple of crossbars, and a couple of good chances they missed, too."

Jordan Staal scored during a delayed-penalty call with 7:05 remaining to restore Pittsburgh's two-goal lead, and Connor James — just up from the minors — made it 4-1

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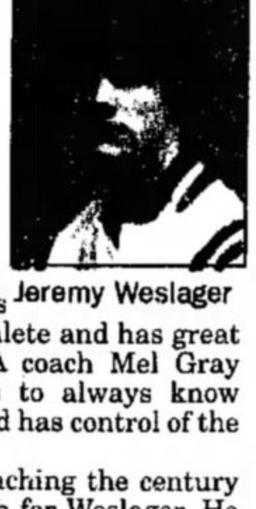
Weslagers wrestling with success

All three brothers recorded 100 wins for BV Area.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

On Jan. 26th at the Sharon Duals wrestling tournament, Jeremy Weslager became the fourth Belle Vernon Area wrestler to reach 100 career wins.



Jeremy Weslager

Donnie Tasser did it earlier in the season, and Jeremy's two older brothers, Jason and Jacob, also pulled off the feat.

"Jeremy is blessed as an athlete and has great mat sense," BVA coach Mel Gray said. "He seems to always know where he is at and has control of the situation."

It isn't as if reaching the century mark was enough for Weslager. He helped himself and his brothers pull off a rare feat.

When Jeremy reached 100 wins, the Weslagers became only the seventh trio of brothers to each reach the milestone in the history of scholastic wrestling in Pennsylvania.

"For one family to have three brothers do it, it is like hitting the lottery," Gray said. "To have three brothers who were good enough athletes to do it is remarkable."

All three brothers take pride in the achievement.

"I knew they had done it so that meant I had to do it," said Jeremy, who has 111 career wins.

"I trained extra hard because they had it. As brothers, we have always had a rivalry. I wanted to do everything that they did."

Jeremy will be making his first appearance at the PIAA tournament next weekend at the Giant Center in Hershey.

"I want to win states, or at least place," he said.

Gray says Jeremy will have to take a simple approach next weekend.

"The only thing that matters is the first match," Gray said. "We have to guard against him wrestling to not lose. He has to keep wrestling to win."

The eldest of the Weslager brothers, Jason, graduated in 2005 with 113 career wins. He placed seventh at the PIAA's as a junior and second as a senior.

Jason recalled his career and accomplishments.

> "For one family to have three brothers (get 100 wins), it is like hitting the lottery."
>
> BV Area coach Mel Gray

"It means a lot because growing up, you always see guys' names on the walls of the BVA practice room who have won section titles or qualified for states," he said. "I never thought it would happen to me."

Jacob, a 2007 graduate who is the school's all-time leader in wins with 132, is happier for his brothers to have accomplished the feat.

"It is a great feeling but it means more to me that my brothers did it," Jacob said. "I am happier to see them do it than me."

All three brothers were quick to point out the help of two men in their becoming successful wrestlers.

Gray and former and long-time BVA wrestling coach Jack Jolley.

"Mr. Jolley was my coach since elementary school and he has helped me my whole career," Jeremy said. "He has been a big help as a teacher and a coach.

"Coach Gray, he has been a really big help," he added. "He has taught me a lot of things that I did not know and has helped me with them."

Jason was the first of the three to be coached by Jolley.

"Mr. Jolley coached me since I was six and he laid the foundation," Jason said.

"Coach Gray also made quite the impression on my career as well. They were both major influences on me."

Jacob agreed.

"I was with Coach Jolley since I was five," he said. "He has really been a big help forever.

"Both he and Coach Gray helped my career."

But now with Jason and Jacob graduated, the spotlight is on Jeremy and the lights do not get any brighter than they do at the Giant Center.

He has reached the 100-win milestone and made the PIAA tournament, like his brothers.

But excuse him if he tries to one up them by winning a PIAA title.

And if it happens, you can bet that his brothers will be the happiest people at the Giant Center.

SPORTS

Tyree tops '5' All-Stars

Three Monessen basketball players were named to Class AA Section 5's Finest 15.

Heading the list is senior Tim Tyree, who was selected most valuable player. He led Monessen with an average of 17.9 ppg.

The other Greyhounds picked were junior Delmar Pritchett and freshman Terrance Stepoli.

Washington and Burgettstown also had three players selected.

Seniors Jordan Floyd and Tom Kelly and sophomore Troy Wilson made it from Washington with seniors Brenden Bongiorni, Derek Goetz and Bryan Pavan representing Burgettstown.

Junior Taylor Andrisko was the lone Charleroi player selected.

Rounding out the team are seniors Jerad Cypher and John Popeck of Charties-Houston, , seniors gary Brpooks amd Andrew Roberts of Brownsvill and junior Ryne Niemiec of Beth-Center.

The first team consisted of Tyree, Niemiec, Bongiorni, Goetz, Roberts and Popeck.

Tim Tyree ... Sec. 5 AA MVP

Pirates added winning players

Four of team's newest members have played in the World Series.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — The new management of the Pittsburgh Pirates is hoping that adding winners to the team, on and off the field, will help the franchise snap a string of 15 losing seasons.

On the field, that includes four players who have been to the World Series: Doug Mientkiewicz, Jaret Wright, Matt Morris and Byung-Hyun Kim. Also, Masumi Kuwata was part of championship teams in his native Japan.

"These guys have played in postseason games, and those experiences can only help," general manager Neal Huntington said. "They've been where we want to go as an organization, and they can help these players understand how to get there, too."

Mientkiewicz, who caught the final out for the Boston Red Sox in 2004, said he thinks such experience can make a difference.

"Even on a younger team, you need to have guys in your clubhouse who have been there, who know how to get it done," Mientkiewicz said. "You might have guys who want to win, but they have to be shown the right way."

Off the field, the Pirates have invited to camp prominent alumni such as Bill Mazeroski, Kent Tekulve, Manny Sanguillen and Bill Virdon — all members of Pirates' championship teams in 1960, 1971 or 1979. Chuck Tanner, manager of the 1979 "We are Family" team, was hired this offseason as a special assistant.

All except Tanner were mainstays at previous camps, but the difference is they are more directly involved in instruction this camp. In particular, Sanguillen has worked closely with the catchers, Tekulve with the relievers.

Steve Blass, who hurled a complete Game 7 to clinch the Pirates' 1971 championship, was asked to address the players last week and was deeply emotional when speaking about the franchise's history. Reliever John Grabow called it "probably the best speech I've ever heard."

"It's a great franchise, and you need to know what your heritage is. I'm still living it," said Blass, now a broadcaster for the Pirates. "I've got loyalty to this team that I can't even begin to describe to you."

At one point, he motioned to the other alumni in the room and told the players, "That professionalism, that Pirates pride ... it's written all over those guys. Shame on you if you don't go to them. They've been there. They're champions."

The plan is to extend this nostalgia beyond spring training. Kyle Stark, the Pirates' new director of player development, has asked Blass and Tanner to speak to minor-league players throughout the summer. Blass and Tanner say that 15 losing seasons shouldn't erase a 122-year history that has included Hall of Famers such as Honus Wagner, Roberto Clemente and Willie Stargell.

"There's a lot to be proud of here," Tanner said. "We've had great teams, great players and great fans over the years. You can't lose sight of that. You've got to have some pride when you put on that uniform."

Comcast, NFL Network back in court

Cable giant, network disagree over viewing package.

NEW YORK (AP) — Cable TV giant Comcast and the NFL Network must return to court to determine the kind of viewing package in which Comcast can put the network.

A state appeals court voted 4-0 Tuesday to reverse a lower court ruling that had allowed Comcast to distribute NFL Network games on a niche sports tier rather than a larger digital package with more viewers.

The appeals court said the language of the two agreements that govern the relationship between Comcast and the network, both signed Aug. 11, 2004, were too "ambiguous" to rule in favor of either side.

The lower court ruling by Justice Bernard Fried in Manhattan in May 2007 potentially could have cost the network millions of dollars a month.

The NFL Network, which carries league-related programs year-round, broadcast eight live games last season. Because it is not on several large cable systems, they were not viewed outside the areas of the teams involved, where by league rules they were carried by local channels, setting off a controversy over several games, including one between Green Bay and Dallas, which finished with the NFC's best records.

There was one exception: the final Saturday night game in which New England beat the New York Giants 38-35 to clinch an unbeaten regular season. Because there was so much clamor for the game to be seen nationally, the NFL decided to simulcast it on NBC and CBS.

The two teams met again in the Super Bowl with the Giants beating the Patriots 17-14 to ruin their unbeaten run.

The suit was filed by the NFL in October 2006 against the nation's largest cable television operator, in October 2006 after Comcast notified the league that it had decided to put the network on a sports tier with about 750,000 viewers.

Comcast said it was moving the network from a digital tier that is seen by more than 7 million of its 24 million cable customers. A tier carries a specific type of programming and is available to customers at an additional price over the cost of basic cable TV programming.

The NFL opposed the switch because, under an agreement between the two companies, Comcast had to pay the league 55 cents per subscriber each month. Comcast said it made the change because it did not want to charge customers the extra money for NFL programming they might not want in the digital tier.

The NFL argued that the plain language of one of the agreements prohibited Comcast from putting the network on a sports tier.

Both sides argued that the agreements were unambiguous, but the Appeals Court wrote, "We conclude that they are reasonably susceptible to more than one interpretation, rendering summary judgment inappropriate."

The appeals court sent the case back to the lower court judge for further proceedings that are consistent with the appellate decision.

Rockets' Ming shot down for season

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston won its first game without Yao Ming, now the Rockets will try and keep it up as they fight for a playoff spot in the ultra-competitive Western Conference.

Houston's 94-69 win over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night was its 13th straight victory, but the team remains in seventh place in the West.

Yao is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot and is in the process of seeking a second opinion on whether to have it surgically repaired. If he chooses surgery, team doctor Tom Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with a cast and crutches. Both options involve a healing time of about four months.

The All-Star center was having a great season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds.

"I am confident we will keep winning," Yao said Wednesday. "I trust my teammates will move forward without me."

General manager Daryl Morey said he doesn't believe the injury compromises Houston's playoff hopes. The Rockets are 37-20 this season.

"We've been playing exceptional ball and Yao's been a huge part of that," Morey said.

"We feel very confident about our playoff push. We've managed to step up and play well without Yao in the past and coaches and players feel confident that we're going to continue to play well and make the playoffs this year."

Yao Ming

SPORTS DIGEST

Charleroi pair on Sec. 5 stars

Two Charleroi girls - senior Makayla Neff and junior Ally Lee - were named to Class AA Section 5's Finest 15.

Bentworth also placed two players- senior Brittany Speed and junior Amanda Kennedy.

Washington had four players including junior Jocelyn Floyd and seniors Jordan Jackson, Jenna Phillips and Marguerite Sargent.

Rounding out the team were senior Emily Lucosh, sophomore Cassie Onesko and freshman Angelia Pelehac of Brownsville, sophomores Megan Sowers and Dannika Whitlow of Beth-Center, senior Emily Wilson of Burgettstown and sophomore Katie Rosemier.

Floyd was selected MVP and joined on the first team by Neff, Phillips, Sargent and Sowers.

BVA relay team to PIAA meet

Belle Vernon Area will be represented in the PIAA Class AA swimming championships at Bucknell University March 12-15.

The Leps' 200 freestyle relay team of Andre Maldonado, Jay Lewis, Brendan Lacey and Zachary Wardle qualified by finishing fourth with a time of 1:32.58.

Shady Side Academy had a winning time of 1:27.70.

Lacey, sophomore, just missed advancing in the 200 freestyle with a fifth place at 1:49.88.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the PIAA event.

Sophomore Sarah Weeks made the best showing for Ringgold with a seventh in the 200 freestyle at 2:03.33.

Class AA action resumes today at 3 p.m. at Pitt's Trees Pool.

California 14th in NCAA ranking

The California University men's basketball team has climbed to 14th in the NCAA Division II poll.

The Vulcans are one of only three Eastern Region teams in the national poll.

Mt. Olive is 17th and Edinboro 25th.

Pitt women edge West Virginia

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Shavonte Zellous scored 29 points to help Pittsburgh beat No. 13 West Virginia 77-75 in overtime Tuesday night, ending a four-game losing streak for the Panthers.

LaQuita Owens missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer of overtime. Chakhia Cole tied the game with 9.9 seconds left in regulation and Pittsburgh (19-8, 9-5 Big East) had a chance for one last shot, but Mallorie Winn's 3-pointer missed.

Zellous, who missed the Panthers' loss to Marquette on Saturday night with a concussion, was 9-for-14 from the field.

Meg Bulger and Olayinka Sanni led the Mountaineers (22-5, 11-3) with 19 points each. Cole added 14.

West Virginia beat Pittsburgh 56-35 on Feb. 13.

Trivia answer

James Kirkland in 1992.

New England releases Colvin

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots released linebacker Rosevelt Colvin, who was a member of two Super Bowl winning teams but also missed significant time with injuries.

Starter among trio Jets' veterans cut

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Wide receiver Justin McCareins and cornerback Andre Dyson were released, and starting left guard Adrien Clarke was waived by the New York Jets.

The veterans were cut three days before the start of the NFL's free agent period as the Jets attempt to create additional salary cap room.

Kennison's days over with Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs released veteran wide receiver Eddie Kennison.

Kennison, 35, played for the Chiefs for seven seasons and was their top wide receiver for most of that time. But last season, he was limited by hamstring and shoulder injuries to only eight games, catching 13 passes for 101 yards.

Bengals re-sign Chatman, Fanene

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals re-signed receiver Antonio Chatman and defensive end Jonathan Fanene.

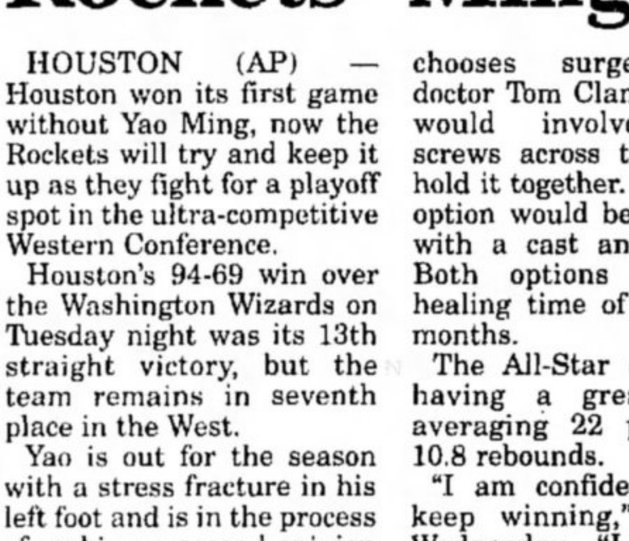
Chatman agreed to a two-year deal rather than become an unrestricted free agent. Fanene got a three-year deal. The fourth-year player appeared in 14 games and had six tackles and one sack.

Teenager upsets Venus Williams

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Top seed and defending champion Venus Williams was upset in the opening round of the WTA's Cellular South Cup by qualifier Petra Kvitova.

The 17-year-old Kvitova won only the second WTA Tour match of her career, stunning Williams, the winner of four Wimbledon titles, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Williams followed the tournament's No. 2 seed, Tatiana Golovin, out of the tournament. Earlier, Golovin was beaten by American Bethanie Mattek, 6-4, 6-4.



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Injuries already taking toll at some spring training camps

The Associated Press

Omar Vizquel's ailing knee could keep him out of the San Francisco Giants' lineup on opening day. Pitchers Scott Kazmir of the Rays and Brandon McCarthy of the Rangers are going slow so they don't miss any time once the regular seasons starts.

Vizquel will have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Wednesday and is expected to miss four to six weeks. The 11-time Gold Glove shortstop, who turns 41 in April, tested his knee Tuesday but said the pain was too much to handle.

"My knee was feeling good," Vizquel said in Scottsdale, Ariz. "I wanted to give it a hard shot in order to make a decision. It didn't work. I felt a little pop when I was running. That's what I wanted to see — to see if I could sustain the pain, and I couldn't."

As for Vizquel's return, athletic trainer Dave Groeschner said: "The goal is the first week of the season but the knee will tell us."

Team orthopedist Ken Akizuki is scheduled to perform the operation back in the Bay Area to remove a torn medial meniscus. Vizquel was expected back in camp Thursday.

Minus Vizquel, manager Bruce Bochy plans to use Kevin Frandsen at shortstop. Once Vizquel is back, Frandsen still could compete for the starting job at second base with Ray Durham.

Kazmir missed a scheduled intrasquad game appearance in St. Petersburg, Fla., after feeling discomfort in his elbow on his final warmup pitch. McCarthy was scratched from Wednesday's spring opener because of elbow soreness.

Kazmir had warmed up in the bullpen without a problem, then watched the first half-inning from the bench. The AL strikeout champion threw three warmup pitches before leaving the mound and walking to the clubhouse for tests.

"I was warming up, feeling great," said Kazmir, who was 13-9 with a 3.48 ERA last season, when he led the AL with 239 strikeouts — one fewer than major league leader Jake Peavy. "On my last warmup pitch ... I just kind of felt a little discomfort."

The Rays said the 24-year-old, who agreed to a $3,785,000, one-year contract last month, would undergo an MRI exam later in the day. His status was to be updated on Wednesday.

"When you have a guy like that, who's never really been hurt before, sometimes it's hard for them to gauge. We'll just wait," manager Joe Maddon said.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	37	21	6	80	171	150
Pittsburgh	36	21	7	79	190	173
N.Y. Rangers	32	24	8	72	166	158
Philadelphia	31	25	7	69	192	182
N.Y. Islanders	30	27	7	67	158	184

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	36	22	6	78	210	192
Montreal	34	21	9	77	201	181
Boston	33	23	6	72	169	167
Buffalo	30	24	9	69	188	178
Toronto	27	28	9	63	177	200

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	33	28	5	71	196	208
Washington	29	27	8	66	181	197
Florida	28	30	7	63	175	189
Atlanta	29	31	4	62	170	208
Tampa Bay	25	30	7	57	177	203

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	17	6	90	203	145
Nashville	32	24	8	72	186	181
Columbus	29	26	9	67	156	166
St. Louis	28	25	10	66	160	176
Chicago	29	27	6	64	178	180

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	33	22	9	75	182	181
Minnesota	34	24	5	73	171	172
Vancouver	32	22	8	72	167	157
Colorado	32	26	6	70	175	176
Edmonton	29	30	5	63	173	193

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	40	22	5	85	199	164
Anaheim	36	23	7	79	167	163
San Jose	33	21	8	74	161	151
Phoenix	32	26	5	69	173	171
Los Angeles	26	34	4	56	186	212

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT
Washington 4, Minnesota 1
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Boston 4, Ottawa 0
Montreal 5, Atlanta 1
Dallas 3, St. Louis 1
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3, SO
Colorado 3, Calgary 2, OT

Today's Games

Nashville at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Pens summary

Pittsburgh	2	0	2 - 4
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1 - 2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 36 (Sykora, Taffe), 10:50. 2, Pittsburgh, Taffe 4 (Kennedy, Letang), 17:52 (pp). Penalties—Staal, Pit (holding), 1:36; Fedotenko, NYI (hooking), 2:14; Ruutu, Pit (hooking), 2:28; Gonchar, Pit (holding), 13:15; Whitney, Pit (delay of game), 13:41; Park, NYI (holding the stick), 16:06; Gervais, NYI (hooking), 17:43.

Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 1 (Tambellini, Meyer), 10:26. Penalties—Staal, Pit (high-sticking), :59; Laraque, Pit (hooking), 5:26; Laraque, Pit (high-sticking), 13:20; Letang, Pit (slashing), 18:34.

Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Staal 9 (Malkin, Meyer), 12:55. 5, Pittsburgh, James 1 (Whitney), 16:58 (pp). 6, N.Y. Islanders, Fedotenko 15 (Vasicek, Hunter), 18:43 (pp). Penalties—Martinek, NYI (holding), 5:16; Fedotenko, NYI (tripping), 15:24; Comrie, NYI, major-game misconduct (fighting), 17:03; Kennedy, Pit, major (fighting), 17:03; Malkin, Pit (tripping), 18:32.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 6-4-11—21. N.Y. Islanders 23-11-18—52.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 2 of 4; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 9.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 17-4-5 (52 shots-50 saves). N.Y. Islanders, DiPietro 25-23-7 (21-17).

A—11,258 (16,234). T—2:22.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	10	0	21	4
Edinboro	9	1	20	5
Clarion	6	4	15	10
Indiana	4	6	12	13
Slippery Rock	4	6	7	18
Lock Haven	2	9	2	23
Shippensburg	1	10	7	19

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	9	2	17	8
Kutztown	9	2	17	8
Millersville	7	3	18	7
East Stroudsburg	5	5	17	8
Mansfield	4	6	16	9
West Chester	2	8	11	14
Bloomsburg	0	10	8	17

Today

Slippery Rock at California (8 p.m.)
Edinboro at Clarion
Indiana at Shippenmsburg
West Chester at Bloomsburg
Chyeyney at Millersville
Mansfield at East Stroudsburg
Columbia Union at Kutztown

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	8	2	23	3
California	7	3	20	5
Clarion	7	3	17	7
Shippensburg	6	5	18	8
Edinboro	5	5	16	9
Lock Haven	2	9	7	18
Slippery Rock	1	9	7	18

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	10	0	21	4
West Chester	8	2	17	8
Cheyney	7	4	11	14
East Stroudsburg	4	6	10	14
Kutztown	4	7	11	15
Bloomsburg	2	8	7	18
Mansfield	1	9	6	19

Today

Slippery Rock at California (6 p.m.)
Indiana at Shippensburg
Edinboro at Clarion
West Chester at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Millersville
Mansfield at East Stroudsburg

Billiards

Donora Men's Pool League

Playoffs

Tuesday

American Legion 13, Hoot Owls 4
Firemen 9, Eagles 8
Hungarian Club 11, Ukrainian Club 6
French Club 10, Rusin Club 7

Pitt coach Jamie Dixon hopes the Panthers end their losing skid against Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.

Thursday

Hoot Owls at American Legion
Eagles at Firemen
Ukrainian Club at Hungarian Club
Rusin Club at French Club

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Kansas at Iowa State, college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Cincinnati at Pitt, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Georgia Tech at Duke, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN2 - West Virginia at DePaul, college basketball.

Radio

6 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Slippery Rock at California, women's college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM), WBGG (970) - Cincinnati at Pitt, college basketball.

8 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Slippery Rock at California, college basketball.

Bowling results

Tan-O-Bell Lanes

Epiphany Men's League

Standings

Duquesne, 99-76; Villanova, 94-81; St. Vincent and Notre Dame, 86-89; Holy Cross, 83-92; St. John, 76-99.

High scores

Stephen Crisi, 215-583; Lee Nicolaus, 203-568; Joe Gallo, 213-566; Nick Kostelac, 197-549; Emil Crisi, 191-537; Anthony Manderino, 196-525; John Perozzi, 190-519; Mike DeCurtis, 168-487; Armand DeRose, 165-483; Robert Mascetta, 165-479.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with OF Tony Gwynn Jr. on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Claimed INF Ray Olmedo off waivers from Pittsburgh. Released RHP John Ennis.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed P-K D.J. Fitzpatrick.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with WR Antonio Chatman on a two-year contract extension and DE Jonathan Fanene on a three-year contract extension.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Rosevelt Colvin and LB Oscar Lua.

NEW YORK JETS—Released WR Justin McCareins, CB Andre Dyson and G Adrien Clarke.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Re-signed LB Roderick Green.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released WR Brandon Lloyd.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Traded RW Brian Bochenski to Nashville for future considerations. Acquired D Jay Leach from Tampa Bay for RW Brandon Segal and a 2008 seventh-round draft pick. Assigned Segal to Norfolk (AHL).

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned RW Joe Motzko to Chicago (AHL). Recalled F Bryan Little, F Colin Stuart and D Joel Kwiatkowski from Chicago.

BUFFALO SABRES—Traded D Brian Campbell and 2008 seventh-round draft pick to San Jose for RW Steve Bernier and a 2008 first-round draft pick.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Acquired F Tuomo Ruutu from Chicago for LW Andrew Ladd. Activated RW Patrick Eaves from injured reserve. Assigned F Jeff Hamilton to Albany (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Acquired D Ruslan Salei from Florida for the rights to D Karlis Skrastins and a 2008 third-round draft pick.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded D Adam Foote to Colorado for a first-round pick in either 2008 or 2009 and a 2009 conditional fourth-round draft pick. Recalled C Derek MacKenzie and D Aaron Rome from Syracuse (AHL). Assigned C Derick Brassard to Syracuse.

DALLAS STARS—Acquired C Brad Richards and G Johan Holmqvist from Tampa Bay for C Jeff Halpern, F Jussi Jokinen, G Mike Smith and a 2009 fourth-round draft pick. Recalled D Dan Jancevski and G Tobias Stephan from Iowa (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned G Jimmy Howard to Grand Rapids (AHL). Acquired D Brad Stuart from Los Angeles for a 2008 second-round draft pick and a 2009 fourth-round draft pick.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Traded G Jean-Sebastien Aubin to Anaheim for a 2008 seventh-round draft pick. Assigned F Teddy Purcell to Manchester (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Mikhail Grabovski and G Jaroslav Halak from Hamilton (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Acquired LW Jan Hlavac from Tampa Bay for a 2008 seventh-round draft pick.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed C Mike Comrie to a one-year contract extension. Traded F Chris Simon to Minnesota for a 2008 sixth-round draft pick. Traded D Marc-Andre Bergeron to Anaheim for a 2008 third-round draft pick.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Acquired D Christian Backman from St. Louis for a 2008 fourth-round draft pick.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Acquired RW Martin Lapointe from Chicago for a 2008 sixth-round draft pick.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Acquired LW Marcel Hossa and G Al Montoya from the New York Rangers for RW Fredrik Sjostrom, G David LeNeveu, LW Josh Gratton and a 2009 conditional draft pick.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Acquired F Marian Hossa and LW Pascal Dupuis from Atlanta for F Colby Armstrong, C Eric Christensen, C Angelo Esposito and a 2008 first-round draft pick. Acquired D Hal Gill from Toronto for 2008 second- and fifth-round draft picks. Recalled C Connor James and C Nathan Smith from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Traded D Bryce Salvador to New Jersey for F Cam Janssen. Recalled D Jeff Woywitka from Peoria (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed G Brian Boucher. Traded D Rob Davison to the New York Islanders for a 2008 seventh-round draft pick.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Traded F Vaclav Prospal to Philadelphia for D Alexandre Picard and a conditional draft pick. Assigned Picard to Norfolk (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Traded RW Wade Belak and LW Chad Kilger to Florida for 2008 third- and fifth-round draft picks.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Acquired F Matt Pettinger from Washington for F Matt Cooke. Assigned D Luc Bourdon to Manitoba (AHL). Recalled C Rick Rypien from Manitoba.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Acquired G Cristobal Huet from Montreal for a 2009 second-round draft pick. Acquired C Sergei Fedorov from Columbus for D Theo Ruth. Acquired LW Alexandre Giroux from Atlanta for RW Joe Motzko. Recalled LW Chris Bourque from Hershey (AHL).

COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT—Signed Randy Edsall, football coach, to a five-year contract..

PIAA basketball playoffs

Boys

Western Region

Tuesday

Class AAAA

Franklin Regional 88, Brashear 76

Class AAA

Keystone Oaks 92, Oliver 82
Meadville 48, Clearfield 47

Class AA

Riverside 70, North Star 51

Saturday

Class AAAA

At Garden Spot High

2:30 p.m. - Reading (30-0) vs. Souderton (17-12)

At Germantown High

2:30 p.m. - South Philadelphia (21-6) vs. Downingtown West (23-6)

At Council Rock High

4:30 p.m. -Norristown (28-1) vs. John Bartrum (21-6)

At Tyrone Middle School

2:30 p.m. -State College (18-8) vs. Mechanicsburg (20-10)

At Plum High

3 p.m. - Central Catholic (23-4) vs. Franklin Regional (20-7)

At Edinoro University

6:30 p.m. - Erie McDowell (25-2) vs. Norwin (20-7)

At North Allegheny

3 p.m. - Moon (20-7) vs. Canon-McMillan (18-8)

At Taylor Allderdice

3 p.m. - Schenley (25-2) vs. McKeesport (19-4)

Friday

Class AAA

At Shikellamy High

7 p.m - Selinsgrove (18-9) vs. Hershey (16-11)

At Hersheypark Arena

6:30 p.m. -Steelton-Highspire (23-6) vs. Johnstown (12-14)

At Pitt-Bradford

7 p.m. - Bradford (18-7) vs. Chartiers Valley (24-3)

At North Allegheny

7:30 p.m. - Hopewell (21-6) vs. Franklin (19-7)

At New Castle High

7:30 p.m. - Blackhawk (23-5) vs. Meadville (18-10)

At Taylor Allderdice

7:30 p.m. - Perry Traditional Academy (14-12) vs. Greensburg-Salem (21-6)

At Johnstown High

7:30 p.m. - Central Cambria (23-3) vs. Ambridge (10-16)

At Edinboro University

7:30 p.m. - General McLane (24-3) vs. Keystone Oaks (16-11)

Saturday

Class AA

At Hempfield

5 p.m. - Jeannette (20-4) vs. Kane (18-9).

At Edinboro University

8 p.m. - Girard (22-5) vs. Greensburg Central Catholic (18-9)

At Chestnut Ridge High

6 p.m - Tussey Mountain (23-3) vs. North Catholic (23-4)

At Central Cambria High

7 p.m. - Bishop McCort (20-5) vs. Monessen (19-6)

At Clarion Univesity

5:30 p.m. - Cranberry (17-10) vs. South Fayette (20-6)

At New Castle High

3 p.m. -Beaver Falls (22-4) vs. Farrell (23-4)

At North Hills

5:30 p.m. - Canevin (15-13) vs. Tyrone (22-5)

At Penn State Behrend

7 p.m. - North East (26-0) vs. Riverside (25-2)

Friday

Class A

At Fox Chapel High

7:30 p.m. - Serra Catholic (25-2) vs. Elk County Catholic (22-6)

7:30 p.m. - Bishop Guilfoyle (19-8) vs. St. Joseph (14-11)

At Chestnut Ridge High

6 p.m. - Southern Fulton (20-7) vs. Bentworth (17-8)

At Clarion University

7:30 p.m. - DuBois Central Catholic (26-3) vs. Iroquois (15-12)

At St. Mary's High

7 p.m. - Coudersport (27-0) vs. Homer-Center (21-7)

At North Hills High

7:30 p.m. - Union (16-7) vs. Shade (25-3)

At Charleroi

7:30 p.m. -Wilkinsburg (15-11) vs. Harmony (22-5)

At Farrell High

7 p.m. - Kennedy Catholic (17-9) vs. Elk County Catholic-Rocky Grove winner

Girls

Western Region

Tuesday

Class AAAA

Butler 66, Allderdice 4

Class AAA

Perry 40, Blackhawk 36

Class AA

Everett 51, Riverside 43

Friday

First Round

Class AAAA

At North Allegheny

6 p.m. -Upper St. Clair (22-5) vs. Butler (24-3)

At Fairview High

6 p.m - Erie McDowell (18-9) vs. Mt. Lebanon (24-3)

At North Hills

6 p.m. -Peters Township (20-8) vs. New Castle (19-6).

At Taylor Allderdice

6 p.m. - Schenley (22-4) vs. Oakland Catholic (16-11).

Class AAA

Saturday

At Shikellamy High

5:30 p.m. - Selinsgrove (26-1 vs. Muhlenburg (21-8).

At New Oxford High

3:30 p.m. - Gettysburg (20-8) vs. Lewistown (21-5)

At Clarion University

7 p.m. - St. Marys (22-3) vs. Indiana (23-4)

At New Castle High

7 p.m. - West Mifflin (24-4) vs. Meadville (20-7). New Castle Area HS, 4:30 p.m.

At North Allegheny

4:30 p.m. - Hampton (26-2) vs. Mercyhurst Prep-Punxsutawney winner.

At Taylor Allderdice

5 p.m. - Westinghouse (22-4) vs. Chartiers Valley (20-7)

At Tyrone Middle School

5 p.m. -Bellefonte (20-6) vs. Ambridge (16-9)

At Allegheny College

7:30 p.m. - General McLane (22-5) vs. Perry (16-10)

Class AA

Friday

At Fox Chapel High

6 p.m. - South Park (21-8) vs. Cranberry (17-9).

At Fairview High

7:30 p.m. - Girard (23-4) vs. StoRox (16-8)

At Chestnut Ridge

8 p.m. - Conemaugh Township (23-3) vs. Ford City (20-7)

At Central Cambria

8 p.m. -Northern Cambria (25-1) vs. Beaver (16-7)

At Clarion University

6 p.m - Karns City (16-10) vs. Greensburg Central Catholic (17-8)

At New Castle High

6 p.m. - Sacred Heart (25-2) vs. Cambridge Springs (23-4)

At Charleroi

6 p.m. - Washington (24-2) vs. Bishop McCort (26-2)

At Edinboro University

6 p.m. -Villa Maria Academy (23-4) vs. Everett (23-4)

Class A

Saturday

At Hempfield

3 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (17-8) vs. Austin

At Central Cambria

5:30 p.m. -Saltsburg (20-6) vs. Serra Catholic (16-6)

At Chestnut Ridge High

4 p.m. - Berlin Brothersvalley (21-7) vs. Vincentian Academy (17-9)

At Clarion University

4 p.m. - West Forest (22-6) vs. Eisenhower (19-6)

At St. Marys High

4 p.m. - Coudersport (26-2) vs. Blairsville (12-14)

At Plum High

4:30 p.m. - Avonworth (14-10) vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek (19-8)

At North Hills High

4 p.m. - Monessen (26-1) vs. Ferndale (22-5)

At Allegheny College

6 p.m. - Farrell (23-2) vs. Clarion (18-10)

Latest Line

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
TORONTO	12	Minnesota
ATLANTA	4	Sacramento
INDIANA	2	Chicago
Orlando	2	PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK	6	Charlotte
BOSTON	7	Cleveland
NEW ORLEANS	4	Phoenix
UTAH	1	Detroit
Denver	NL	SEATTLE
Portland	NL	LA CLIPPERS

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
PITT	11 1/2	Cincinnati
PENN STATE	4	Iowa
W. Virginia	4 1/2	DEPAUL
TEMPLE	5	NC-Charlotte
NC STATE	2	Florida St.
Kansas	14	IOWA STATE
O. DOMINION	6	Northweastern
CLEMSON	8	Miami-Fla.
Rhode Island	5	G. WASHINGTON
GEORGIA	1 1/2	Florida
S. CAROLINA	5	Lsu
TEXAS A&M	8 1/2	Texas Tech
NEBRASKA	1 1/2	Oklahoma
N. IOWA	5	Indiana State
ILLINOIS ST.	4	Creighton
Utah	3 1/2	TCU
MISS. ST.	13	Auburn
HOUSTON	8	S. Mississippi
KENTUCKY	6	Mississippi
ALABAMA	Pick	Arkansas
COLORADO ST.	3	Wyoming
PURDUE	9	Minnesota
DUKE	15	Georgia Tech
GEORGETOWN	17	St. John's
GEO. MASON	13	Wm.&Mary
UTEP	Pick	Uab
MEMPHIS	19	Tulsa
Baylor	3 1/2	COLORADO
DAVIDSON	14	Appalachian St.

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	12	.782	—
Toronto	31	24	.564	12
New Jersey	25	32	.439	19
Philadelphia	25	32	.439	19
New York	17	39	.304	26 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	37	22	.627	—
Washington	27	30	.474	9
Atlanta	22	32	.407	12 1/2
Charlotte	19	37	.339	16 1/2
Miami	10	44	.185	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	42	15	.737	—
Cleveland	32	25	.561	10
Chicago	22	34	.393	19 1/2
Indiana	22	35	.386	20
Milwaukee	22	35	.386	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	38	17	.691	—
New Orleans	37	18	.673	1
Dallas	38	19	.667	1
Houston	37	20	.649	2
Memphis	14	43	.246	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	21	.632	—
Denver	33	23	.589	2 1/2
Portland	29	28	.509	7
Seattle	15	41	.268	20 1/2
Minnesota	12	43	.218	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	40	17	.702	—
Phoenix	39	18	.684	1
Golden State	34	22	.607	5 1/2
Sacramento	26	30	.464	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	35	.352	19 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Miami 107, Sacramento 86
Orlando 102, New Jersey 92
Phoenix 127, Memphis 113
Minnesota 111, Utah 100
Milwaukee 105, Cleveland 102
Houston 94, Washington 69
Golden State 105, Seattle 99
L.A. Lakers 96, Portland 83

Today's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Connecticut 79, Rutgers 61

SOUTH

Seton Hall 79, South Florida 75
VMI 81, Liberty 79
Vanderbilt 72, Tennessee 69
Virginia Tech 67, Boston College 48

MIDWEST

Indiana 72, Ohio St. 69
Missouri St. 86, Drake 83
Northwestern 62, Michigan 60
Oklahoma St. 75, Missouri 73
S. Illinois 71, Bradley 60
W. Michigan 56, N. Illinois 49
Wichita St. 68, Evansville 54

FAR WEST

BYU 70, New Mexico 69, OT
UNLV 68, San Diego St. 58

WOMEN

EAST

Pittsburgh 77, West Virginia 75, OT
St. John's 73, Seton Hall 45
Syracuse 68, Georgetown 67

SOUTH

Louisville 82, Providence 57
Morehead St. 68, E. Kentucky 65

FAR WEST

New Mexico 55, BYU 45

Div. II poll

Men

1. Bentley (26-0)
2. Grand Valley State (30-0)
3. Winona State (29-1)
4. Northern State (25-2)
5. South Carolina Aiken (23-2)
6. Findlay (24-3)
7. Drury (22-3)
8. Augusta State (21-4)
9. Alaska-Anchorage (22-4)
10. Gannon (24-3)
11. Lenoir-Rhyne (21-3)
12. South Dakota (21-4)
13. Cal St.-San Bernardino (21-5)
14. **California (Pa.) (21-4)**
15. Minnesota State (21-5)
16. Tarleton State (21-4)
17. Mount Olive (21-5)
18. LIU-C.W. Post (22-3)
19. North Alabama (22-7)
20. Benedict (22-4)
21. Southwestern Okla. St. (20-5)
22. Florida Southern (21-7)
23. Southwest Baptist (19-6)
24. Fort Lewis (21-5)
25. Edinboro (20-5)

Big East standings

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Georgetown	11	3	21	4
Louisville	12	3	22	6
Notre Dame	11	3	21	5
Connecticut	11	4	22	6
Marquette	11	5	21	6
West Virginia	8	6	19	8
Cincinnati	8	6	13	13
Pittsburgh	7	7	19	8
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Today

Cincinnati at Pitt
West Virginia at DePaul
St. John's at Georgetown

Trade

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Hossa has 26 goals and 30 assists in 60 games and averages nearly a point per game for his career, though his playoff production (35 points in 55 games) isn't as good.

"We've always had a hard time finding that fit for Sid, and I believe Marian is a guy who can think at that level, skate at that level and, obviously, he can score goals and kill penalties and raise everybody else's game," Shero said.

Adding Hossa allows the Penguins to keep Malkin at center once Crosby returns. Before Crosby was hurt, Malkin was playing out of position as a wing on Crosby's line.

"That's the plan, I'm not going to hide it," coach Michel Therrien said. "Malkin's line has been so good. ... Malkin stepped up his game and he is a lot more comfortable. He has been the best player in the league the last month and a half."

Shero agreed he took a major gamble — but, he said, it's equally risky not doing anything when other teams are improving themselves.

"This gives us a better chance," he said.

Pens Win

(FROM PAGE ONE)

with 3:02 left on his first NHL goal.

The Penguins played two men short until James and Nathan Smith arrived in the second period. The bench got even shorter after Ryan Malone broke a skate and Rob Scuderi hurt a finger.

"It was like pickup hockey," coach Michel Therrien said. "Who is fresh goes on the ice."

Ruslan Fedotenko's power-play goal brought the Islanders to 4-2.

Hossa and defenseman Hal Gill, acquired from Toronto, are expected to play Thursday when the Penguins visit Boston. Once captain Crosby returns from a high ankle sprain and joins Hossa on a line, the Penguins will possess one of the NHL's most potent offenses.

"It's a privilege for us to get help like that and we're going to be ready to play well and make a long run," Whitney said. "We're a good team, but we just got a lot better."

The Islanders dominated the Penguins in the first period, yet were down 2-0. New York registered a season-best 23 shots and gave up six.

The Penguins grabbed the lead 10:50 in and they did it with their second shot, both coming on the same shift. Malkin got to a rebound of Petr Sykora's drive and carried the puck behind the net and out the left side.

He drifted backward into the left circle and snapped off a shot while gliding that beat Rick DiPietro. It was Malkin's 36th goal and his 13th in 18 games since Crosby was injured on Jan. 18.

Taffe doubled the lead during a 5-on-3 power play with 2:08 remaining in the first. He has four goals on the season, two in three games.

New York couldn't do anything with four power plays in the first period and three more in the second. Multiple odd-man rushes produced little against Conklin on the choppy ice.

The Islanders' reunited "Kid Line" cut the deficit to 2-1 with 9:34 left in the second period. Jeff Tambellini, recalled earlier Tuesday after Chris Simon was traded to Minnesota, slid a shot from the right circle in front. Nielsen deflected the puck in for his first of the season and second in 26 career NHL games.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

After being an assistant 12 years to Rab Currie, Bob Hodgson was named Charleroi High's new football coach.

Allegheny College's 6-8 sophomore Eric Lindberg, a Ringgold High product, was named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference first team. He was the loop's top rebounder with 12 a game.

20 Years Ago

Both Ringgold teams lost to Bethel Park in a playoff doubleheader at Upper St. Clair. The Taylor cousins, Yancey and Craig, both scored 20 points in the Rams' 61-54 defeat with Travey Foglia leading the Lady Rams with 14 points in a 66-49 setback.

10 Years Ago

Issac Hawkins had 32 points in Pitt's 76-61 loss to No. 23 Syracuse to drop to 11-14 including 6-11 in the Big East.

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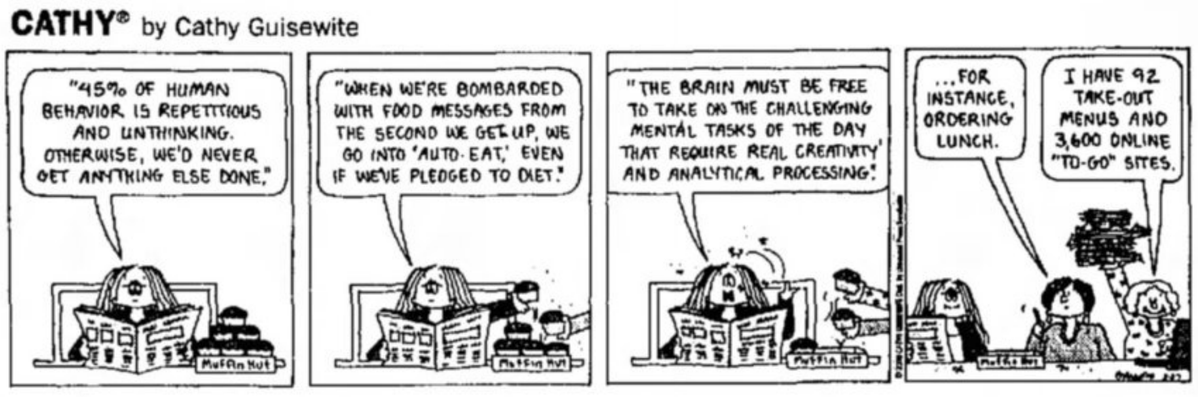
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HO HO HO HAW HO HAW HO HO HO!...
NO. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A DEMENTED SANTA CLAUS. BRING IT UP AN OCTAVE...
HEE HAR HAR HAR HEE HEE HAR HEE
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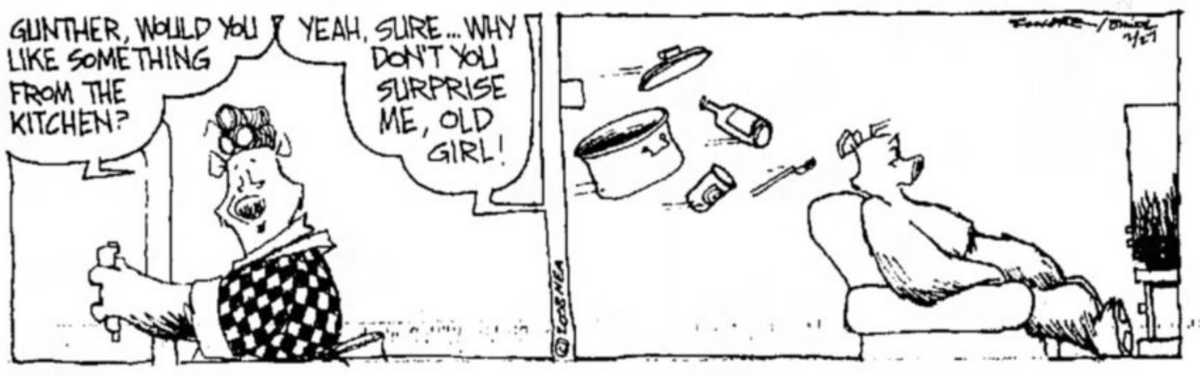

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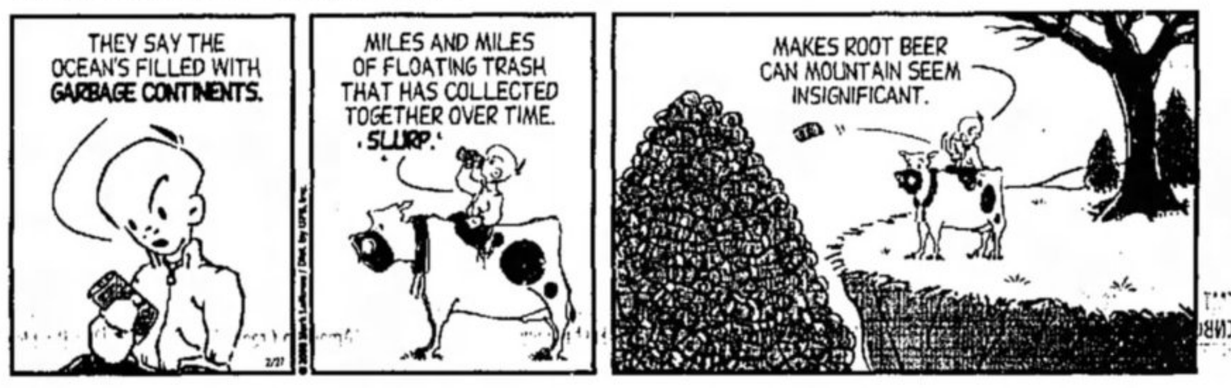
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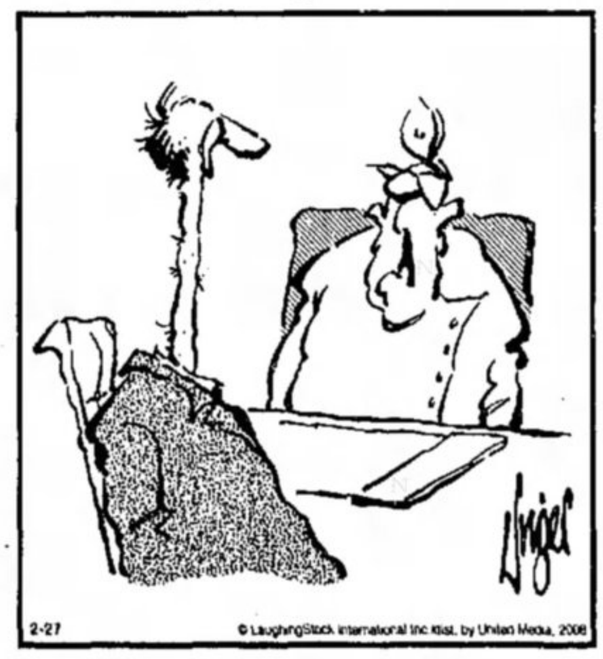

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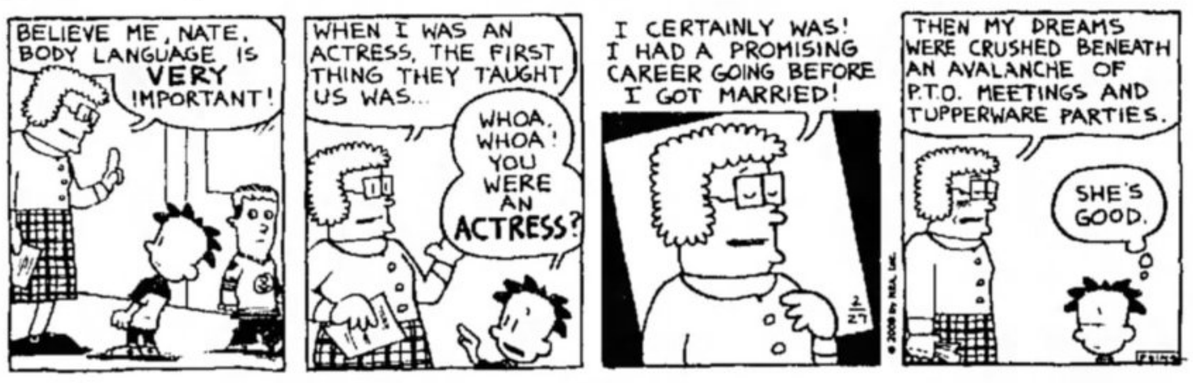
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WHEN I WAS AN ACTRESS, THE FIRST THING THEY TAUGHT US WAS...
WHOA, WHOA! YOU WERE AN ACTRESS?
I CERTAINLY WAS! I HAD A PROMISING CAREER GOING BEFORE I GOT MARRIED!
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HEY, ARLO, WHAT'S TH' DEAL? WHY'D YOU TELL OOOLA I WAS SICK?
'CAUSE YOU TOLD ME TO!
NO, I DIDN'T, ARLO! I HADN'T EVEN SEEN YOU UNTIL JUST NOW!
OKAY, WHATEVER YOU SAY, MR. OOP! GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!
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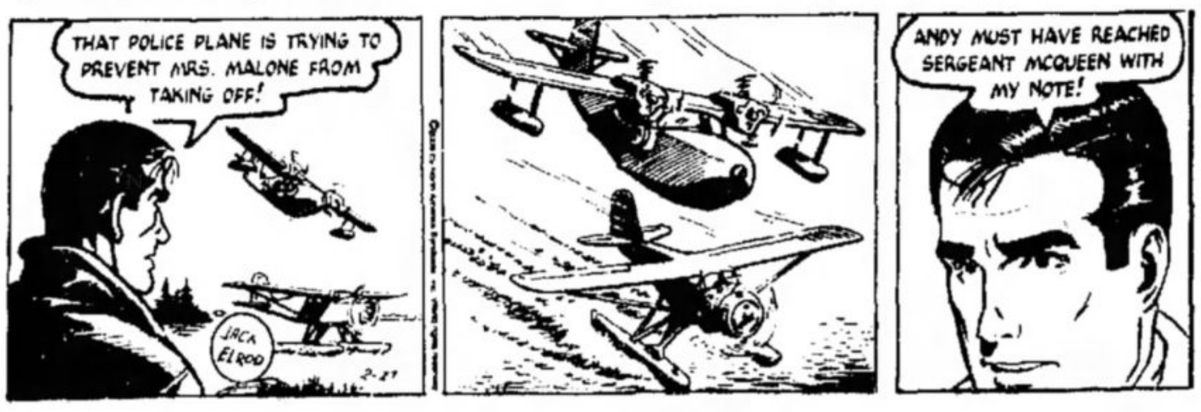
THAT POLICE PLANE IS TRYING TO PREVENT MRS. MALONE FROM TAKING OFF!
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ANDY MUST HAVE REACHED SERGEANT MCQUEEN WITH MY NOTE!

The Valley Independent Crossword

ACROSS

1 Lazes about
6 Leave empty
12 Approximately
14 More open
15 Leader of the flock
16 Camel kin
17 Meadow browser
18 Doctrine
19 Unseld of the NBA
21 Tack on
23 It may be slung
26 Comic-strip prince
27 Kind of grin
28 In progress
30 Embed
31 Look closely
32 Maxim
33 Lennon's "Instant —!"
35 Devotee
37 — de plume
38 Vegan's taboo
39 — degree
40 Batman and Robin
41 Not him
42 Kind of trip
43 Munch on
44 Large parrot
46 Seance sound
48 Concedes
51 Weds on the run
55 Subtle distinction
56 Respectable
57 Chicken pieces
58 Of dubious honesty

DOWN

1 Drink like Rover
2 Mouths, in biology
3 — Gatos, Calif.
4 Stringed instruments
5 Fast-talk
6 Certified
7 Has a cough
8 Stuffed
9 Intend
10 Reception
11 Um cousins
13 Gloomy
19 Holiday decor
20 Access
22 Doing batik
24 Kampala's country
25 Ballpark area
26 Grills, maybe
27 Having little strength
28 Hot soak
29 Verne skipper
34 Spot or streak
36 Put away for future use
42 Soothes
43 Period
45 Work with acid
47 Tavern brews
48 Crumb toter
49 "Like, I get it!"
50 — tai cocktail
52 Green shade
53 Wrap up
54 Farm shelter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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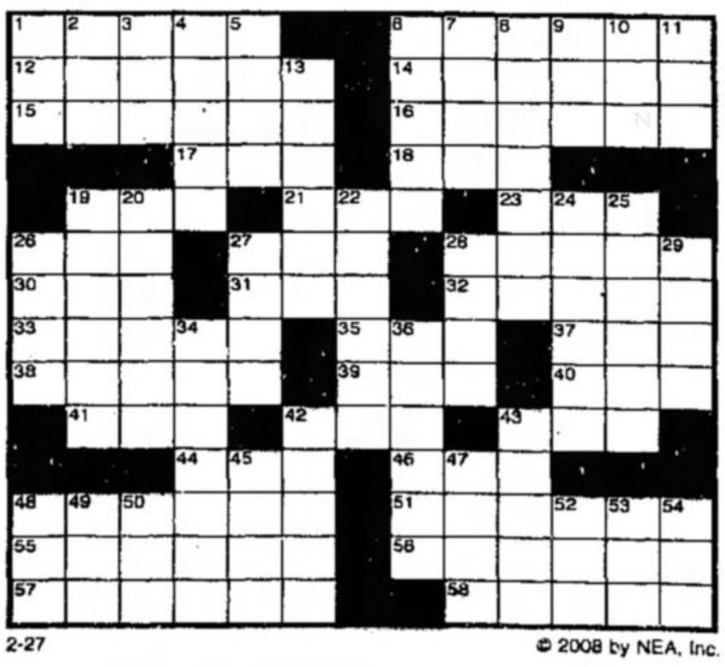

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TV LISTINGS

Girlfriend's new figure gets too much exposure at dinner

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My son's girlfriend, "Liza," had her breasts enlarged several years ago.

Her entire wardrobe now consists of clothing with plunging necklines that expose most of her "assets." Don't get me wrong. I don't expect Liza to wear turtlenecks, just to cover up some.

Whenever there's a family function, there "they" are for all to see.

My husband and the siblings (all over 18) have talked about how uncomfortable that makes them.

This is not one of those things that you can just turn your head from, especially when Liza is sitting across the table at dinner.

My son doesn't have a problem with it, but I would like to know if there's something you would suggest I could say — either to her or my son — to let them know how uncomfortable we are without making it sound like we're attacking her? — **COVER UP, PLEASE, IN ALABAMA**

DEAR "C.U.P.": Liza has invested a lot of money — not to mention the pain — in acquiring those assets. She wouldn't be human if she didn't want to display them.

However, because you feel you're seeing too much of a good thing, approach your son about asking his girlfriend to dress a little more conservatively at dinner. If that doesn't do the trick, lower the temperature when they're over and hand her a sweater — or serve lobster and hand out bibs.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance bought a ring and necklace for me for Valentine's Day. The ring was to be a wedding ring. Both are yellow gold, which is something I have never worn, nor do I care to.

The first ring he selected was white gold. Then he decided that with the yellow gold, he would get "more bang for his buck." A friend of ours, "Diana," went with him and told me the story.

I told Diana I'm thinking of asking him to return the items and have the two of us look for a white gold set. Her response? "You'd better shut up and wear them. He may send you packing if you hurt his feelings."

Abby, it's only a request, but this will be a lifelong remembrance for me to wear. What should I do? — **IN A TIZZY IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

DEAR IN A TIZZY: I'm guessing your boyfriend took Diana to help with the selection because he thought she'd know what you like. Frankly, he took the wrong girl. He should have taken you.

If Diana is truly a friend, she should tell him she "forgot" that you have a strong preference for white gold and suggest the two of you exchange the set for something you might like better.

While some readers may not agree, not all surprises turn out to be pleasant ones.

The most practical way to choose wedding/engagement rings is for the man to talk to a jeweler in advance about what he can afford to pay and ask that a selection of rings in his price range be put aside for him and his girlfriend when he brings her in.

That way, she can have something she will enjoy wearing, he won't feel pressured into spending more than he can afford, and everybody's happy.

DEAR ABBY: When a person cooks a meal, isn't it also his or her responsibility to do the dishes when the meal is finished? If not, then who should? I think the cook should be responsible. — **BOILING OVER IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR BOILING OVER: And I think the person who EATS the meal should volunteer to clear the table and help with the dishes.

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ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Wife Swap "Myers/Sutton" A mom from Kentucky; a mom from Illinois. (N)		Supernanny "Tafoya Family" A mother asks Jo to leave. (N)		Men In Trees "Charity Case" Marin gets an unexpected visitor; Sara provides a temporary haven for Eric. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Heidi Klum; Jim Cramer. (N)	(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid		(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	Deal or No Deal A man from California returns to finish his game. (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lonelyville" A woman is strangled to death.		Law & Order "Tango" A high-school girl is found dead; Connie has an admirer in the jury pool. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno Billy Ray and Miley Ray Cyrus. (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien Georgie James. (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly Rob and Big.	Poker After Dark Patrick Antonius; Johnny Chan; Roland de Wolfe; Daniel Negreanu; Gus Hansen; John Juanda. (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Elaine's boyfriend supports team.	American Idol Female singers perform. (N)			Back to You Chuck gets jealous of a rival. (N)	(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld "The Trip" Jerry goes to Los Angeles.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) ★★ Reindeer Games/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City "Splat!"	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
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(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	America's Next Top Model (N)		Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious "Confidence"		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Master-Illusion		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Today God	Heritage	Joel Osteen	Aspiring	With Arlene	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Theater	Focus 4		This Is Day	Laverne Tripp
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Stone Undercover		Cold Squad		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Body Count"		CSI: Miami "48 Hours to Life"		CSI: Miami "Three-Way"		CSI: Miami "Under Suspicion"		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		CSI: Miami "48 Hours to Life"		CSI: Miami "Three-Way"		CSI: Miami "Under Suspicion"	
ABCFAM	★★★ Meet the Parents (2000)					★★★ Meet the Parents (2000)					The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Striking Distance (1993)				★★★ Enter the Dragon (1973)				★★½ The Karate Kid (1984)					★★½ The Jewel of the Nile (1985)				Blues2000
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Reptile Kings: Lost Viper		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Reptile Kings: Lost Viper	
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BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Access	★★½ School Daze (1988)				Movie Special	Hell Date	Malcolm	Malcolm	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
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DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Futureweapons "Guns"		MythBusters		Smash Lab "Runaway Trailer"		MythBusters "Chicken Gun"		Futureweapons "Guns"		MythBusters		Smash Lab "Runaway Trailer"	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	The Suite Life	The Proud Family (2005)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	The Suite Life	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Party Parents	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	25 Most Memorable Swimsuit Moments Bathing suits.				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Kansas at Iowa State.				College Basketball Georgia Tech at Duke.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Ali's Dozen		Say It Loud				Bull Riding: PRCA		Boxing: Camacho-Sigurani		AWA Wrestling Championship		Can't Blame	Artiss
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EWTN	Eucharistic	Hermits-Christ	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	The Micah Project		Faith-Culture	Domestic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Domestic	Jesus Christ
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Tuscan Feast"		Good Eats	Good Eats	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Dinner	Dinner	Challenge A steak cook-off.		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Dinner	Dinner	Challenge A steak cook-off.	
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat	College Basketball Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.					FSN Live	Pens Rewind	Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ The New Guy (2002)				★★½ Shallow Hal (2001)					★★½ Fever Pitch (2005)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Married...	CorEvolution	eBay Money
GOLF	Dubai Desert Classic		Golf-Academy	Play Lessons	Inside PGA	Golf Central	19th Hole (N)	The Turn	Top 10	19th Hole	The Approach	Golf Central	19th Hole	Top 10	Lessons	The Turn	Golf Hawaii	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Audrey's Rain (2003)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It (N)	Haulin' House	Whats	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It
HIST	History's Mysteries		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest "Bigfoot"		UFO Hunters (N)		Modern Marvels "Harvesting"		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest "Bigfoot"		UFO Hunters	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★★½ Pacific Heights (1990) Premiere.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Decision 2008: John McCain		War Zone Diary		Countdown-Olbermann		Decision 2008: John McCain		War Zone Diary	
MTV	True Life Anger struggles.		America's Best Dance Crew		Making the Band 4		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		America's Best Dance Crew		Real World-Road Rules		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	High School	High School
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	★★ Only You (1994)		★½ The Sweetest Thing (2002)				★½ The Sweetest Thing (2002)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		★★ New York Minute (2004)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In Rosemarie Greco.		PA Senate Appropriations Committee-Hearings				PA Senate-Budget Hearings		PA Senate-Budget Hearings			PA Senate-Budget Hearings			Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		Pros vs. Joes		UFC 82 Countdown		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	10 Items-Less	★★ Without a Paddle (2004)				Beetlejuice
TCM	★★★½ Mutiny on the Bounty (1962)				★★½ On the Beach (1959) Premiere.					★★★★ High Noon (1952)			★★★★ Seven Samurai (1954) Seven warriors defend feudal Japanese villagers.					
TLC	Property Ladder		Dwarf: Standing Tall		Smallest People In World		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine (N)		Smallest People In World		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine		Dwarf: Standing Tall	
TNT	Law & Order "Bait"		Law & Order "Open Season"		★★ The Wedding Date (2005)			★★ The Wedding Date (2005)			Cold Case "The House"		Without a Trace "In the Dark"		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Chowder	Johnny Test	Jimmy's Head	Courage-Dog	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Full-Alchemist	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	RV Crazy!		Secrets of RVs		Pizza Paradises		Luxurious Log Homes		Treasures	Treasures	Barbecue Bastions		Pizza Paradises		Luxurious Log Homes		Treasures	Treasures
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	★★★ The Breakfast Club (1985)				Sanford	Sanford	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★★ The Pacifier (2005)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★★½ Unbreakable (2000)			
VH1	1-Hit Wonders	One Hit Wonders	★★½ Roll Bounce (2005) A roller-skater prepares for a big showdown.						The Flavor of Love		Rags Rich	Salt N Pepa	Storytellers Mary J. Blige.		Celebrity Rehab		Rags Rich	Scott Baio
VS.	NHL Hockey: Wild at Capitals		TapouT		TapouT		World Extreme Cagefighting				TapouT		World Extreme Cagefighting				TapouT	
WE	20/20 "Vanished 2"		20/20 "Behind Closed Doors"		20/20 "Career Girls"		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Brides	Brides	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Brides	Brides	Party Mamas	Party Mamas
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★★ Mystic Pizza (1988)				★★ Captain Ron (1992)				★★½ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006)					★★½ Company Business (1991)			I'm Gonna Git You Sucka	
HBO	★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2		★★½ Night at the Museum (2006)				In Treatment	In Treatment	Real Time With Bill Maher		The Wire "Clarifications"		Joe Louis: America's Hero		REAL Sports		Comedy Jam	United 93
MAX	★★★½ Back to the Future (1985)				★★ The Break-Up (2006)				★★★ Fracture (2007)				★½ Grandma's Boy (2006)			Bikini Pirates (2007)		
SHOW	★★ Sliding Doors (1998)				The L Word		★★ Double Impact (1991) Premiere.				★★ Hostel (2006)			★½ The Zodiac (2005)			★★½ Trantasia (2006)	
STARZ	Carlito's Way	On the Set	★★★ Monster House (2006)			★★½ Vacancy (2007)			Head Case	Hollywd Res.	Head Case	Hollywd Res.	★★½ Stomp the Yard (2007)				★★ From Dusk Till Dawn	
TMC	★★★ Strange Bedfellows (2004)				★★ I Love Your Work (2003)				★★½ Ask the Dust (2006)				★★ Asylum (2005)			UKM: The Ultimate Killing Machine (2006)		

FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Carbohydrate Counting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Infant/Child CPR, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Meet the Candidate's Night, Westmoreland County Community College, 7 p.m.

■ Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Mon Valley meeting, Knights of Columbus home, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Donora High School Class of 1953 reunion planning meeting, Donora Chamber office, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low or medium income with special preference to ages 60 and older, Monessen Senior Center, (724) 684-6105.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Democratic Women's Club plans meeting

The Monongahela Democratic Women's Club will begin its 2008 season with a meeting 7 p.m. Monday at the VFW, weather permitting. For information, call (724) 258-8978.

TEAM Charleroi schedules meetings

TEAM Charleroi Committee meetings scheduled for March include:

Promotions Committee – March 3, 8:30 a.m., chamber building

Education Committee – March 4, 8 a.m., Charleroi School District administration building

Economic Restructuring – March 4, 2 p.m., chamber building

Safety Committee – March 5, 8:30 a.m., borough building

TEAM Executive Committee – March 6, 8 a.m., chamber building

Design Committee – March 12, 8 a.m., borough building

Organization Committee – March 20, noon, chamber building

Help available with state forms, applications

State Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-Washington/Fayette, has announced that area senior citizens can receive help with state forms and applications 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays at the Center in the Woods, 200 Woodland Court, Brownsville. A member of Daley's staff will be in attendance. No appointment is necessary. Assistance will be given with PACE, PACENET, the state prescription drug assistance programs for seniors, Property Tax/Rent Rebate Programs and other state forms and applications. For information, call 1-800-467-9486.

Free workshops set at PA CareerLink

PA CareerLink Mon Valley is offering the following free workshops in March:

Resume One-on-One, appointment necessary (724) 379-4750, extension 106

Computer Basics, Mondays at 1 p.m.

Job Search Basics, March 4 and 18, 2 p.m.

Interviewing Basics, March 11 and 25, 2 p.m.

Education and Training, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10 a.m.

PA CareerLink Orientation, Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Job Search for Veterans, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Career Gateway, geared to help post secondary-bound students achieve success with schooling Call for March schedule.

Computers are available at CareerLink for public use for Internet job search. The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pa CareerLink is located at 570 Galiffa Drive in Donora, beside the Valley Roller Skating rink. For information, call (724) 379-4750.

Charleroi church plans nut, apricot roll sale

The First United Methodist Church, Sixth and Lincoln, Charleroi, is taking orders for nut and apricot rolls for Easter. Rolls can be ordered by calling Lena Disclafani at (724) 483-3052 or the church office at (724) 483-2718. Order deadline is March 16. Rolls can be picked up after 2 p.m. March 19.

How'd you like to look better naked?

Let's Face It, We All Want To Feel Better In Our Own Skin... **But diet pills and caffeine could actually be hindering your weight loss.** We are all on the go. We work more hours, we sleep less and we stress more. This does not leave a lot of time for eating healthy and exercise so we turn to coffee, energy drinks and other artificial stimulants to get us through the day and even help keep our weight down. What we don't know is that this is creating a toxic environment for our adrenal system. The adrenal system is responsible for energy levels, the ability to cope with stress, and maintaining the metabolism that helps to control weight gain.

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Studies show that a properly functioning adrenal system is directly responsible for producing energy naturally and properly managing your weight. Without cleansing your adrenal system, diet pills, weight loss programs and energy drinks won't be nearly as effective. The Adrenal Fatigue Institute has developed The Cylapril System which quickly reverses the toxic situation created by overuse of caffeine, and other stimulants by repairing and restoring your adrenal system. **Once your adrenal system is cleansed by Cylapril, you'll sleep better, feel better and look better.**

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Past president, Tommie Kosko confers with the two new leaders, co-vice presidents: Mary Leogas and Cassandra (K.C.) Bagiatis.

St. Spyridon Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society

The St. Spyridon Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society held its first meeting of the New Year at the Hellenic Center. Cassandra "K.C." Bagiatis and Mary Leogas, the new leaders of the organization, titled as co-vice presidents, presided at the meeting. Expressions of thanks and appreciation for her service and dedication were given to Tommie Kosko, the outgoing president. The Rev. Demetrios Gardikes, spiritual leader, was present.

The group's main item of business was making donations to the needy. One of the donations was a grant to purchase Orthodox study Bibles to be used for retreats, summer camps and other youth ministry programs. Proceeds from the annual Vasilopeta dinner were sent to St. Basil's Academy, an orphanage that helps children in need.

On March 25, the group will celebrate its Feast Day, Annunciation. Leogas is in charge of the potluck dinner that will follow the church services.

At the church services on March 30, a memorial service will be held for all the deceased and an Artoclasia blessing for the living. Desserts will be served at the coffee hour, which will be held at the Hellenic Center following church services. Each guest will receive a small religious pin.

The Rev. Michael Zebarth, a monk from St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, has been invited to be guest speaker at the Presantified Liturgy on April 2. St. Spyridon will be host to all Valley Orthodox churches for this service. A Lenten dinner consisting of soup, bread, and salad will be served for all who attend.

Other officers of the organization include: Helen Kordistos, secretary; Anna Chicolis, treasurer; Kay Drizos, membership. The executive board of directors consists of two past presidents, Kosko and Irene Papantonakis; Jean Drizos, Eva Dreucci, and Ronnie Apodiakos.

Charleroi AARP Chapter 3478

The January meeting was held at Riverside Place, President Vic Brandeburg opened the meeting and led the flag salute and God Bless America. He welcomed members and guests Betty Ramusivich. Devotional leader Helen Andreas read Seven Wonders of the World.

Secretary Laverne Williams, Sunshine Lady Mille Waggoner and Treasurer Joan Armour offered monthly reports.

Correspondence was read from local organizations who received monetary donations in December. The food bank expressed appreciation for the 212 items received from the membership.

Membership Chairman Olive Bracken reported 22 in attendance. Dues for 2008 are still being accepted.

Ken Brandeburg, local orchid hobbyist, who has been cultivating orchids for over 20 years, presented the January program. He is a member of the American Orchid Society and Phipps Conservatory. He displayed orchid plants and told of unusual and varied uses.

Birthday celebrants were Millie Waggoner, Joan Armour and Mary Ann Dean. The 62nd wedding anniversary of Ed and Alice Traversari was acknowledged. Share the wealth winners were Mary Ann Dean, Dolores Koch and Vic Brandeburg. Grocery winners were Joan Armour and Jeanette Martino.

The meeting was concluded with serving of refreshments. Cookie angels were Estelle Kokalen and Laverne Williams.

ODDS & ENDS

GPS, online map goofs leading drivers astray in Secaucus, N.J.

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Modern technology is leading some drivers in Secaucus, N.J. straight into a dead end.

Truck drivers relying on GPS devices and online map to show them the route to an industrial area are instead running into a road block.

The electronic maps don't show a gate that separates residential and industrial areas. It's only opened for a couple hours on weekdays in the northern New Jersey city.

Mayor Dennis Elwell says residents on Fifth Street started complaining about trucks clogging their street about a year ago as GPS devices increased in popularity. Some drivers have to call police to open the gate because their trucks are too big to turn around.

Garmin International spokesman Jake Jacobson says the GPS maker has to receive a request or complaint and go through a thorough process before maps can be changed.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: L equals N

"XB SBJNHET HR LBX XB SBJNTX." - FDADXFD NDLGAH

"LBVBGM TETJ SBJNTXR KATJT AT VYJHTG D ADXUATX." - CHL AYVVDJG

PREVIOUS SOLUTION -- "We need a little less talk about the work ethic and a little more ethics in relation to work." - Barbara Ehrenreich

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Frugal Living

Sara **NOEL**

Housekeeping: The key to contained chaos

"Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing." — ***Phyllis Diller***

The kitchen is sparkling clean. You leave the room for a few minutes, and, when you walk back, there's a mess.

It's frustrating trying to keep your home clean if you have a family. Even more so if you have young kids. You've heard they're only young once, but that sure doesn't help much when every day is "Groundhog Day" when it comes to housework. The unpleasant tasks aren't going to get done on their own, so readers share their tips for keeping up with it all.

TOY LIMITS: I don't have a schedule; I just do what needs to be done. I have always limited the number of toys the kids can have out at one time, and they have certain areas in the house where they can't play. The exception to this rule would be Christmas and family game night. At any other time, they are not allowed to bring toys into the living room, kitchen (play dough and paint an exception here) or dining room. Once the kids became school age, I started confiscating things they left around the house. This stuff is locked up, and they have to earn or buy it back. — **justpeachy92, North Carolina**

LOWER STANDARDS: My motto is if you have kids under age 6 at home, you get an automatic "pass" for housekeeping forgiveness. I learned early on in motherhood that, when my kids were infants and going through several outfits a day, I simply left the clean clothes in a basket in their room rather than put them away in drawers. That extra step wasn't necessary — a complete waste of time in my case. When my oldest was about 2 months old, I also realized how stupid it was to wash his light and dark clothes separately. It never really made any difference in how the clothes turned out and simply added more work to my already overloaded schedule. — **CYork, e-mail**

MAKE IT FUN: Have kids clean with shaving cream and washcloths. They can do faucets, windows, mirrors, vinyl floors and carpets stains. They can play games like "Stop and Go" cleaning to music. — **Natalie, Wyoming**

ROOM BY ROOM: I use a schedule and find that it's more efficient for me to organize by room rather than job. So, instead of dusting everywhere on one day and cleaning all the floors on another, I'll dust and clean floors in a certain area on one day. I find it far more fulfilling that way, as there's one point in the week where each room will be completely clean. — **Carla, Ontario**

CONTAIN IT: When it comes to the living room, I leave a box at the foot of the stairs to throw toys in every time my son brings one down. When I go to bed, I take the box up, and in the morning, I bring it back down. — **Tammy, Virginia**

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

NEWS

MONESSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Monessen Public Library and District Center has received the following:

Memorials

Gus Kordistos

"The Coldest Winter," by Halberstam, presented by Dennie Melissas.

Connie Laneve

"Top Secret Restaurant Recipes 2," presented by Linwood and Laurie (Bellora) Rudolph.

Patricia Lepresti

"Boom! Voices of the 60s," resented by state Rep. Ted Harhai.

Stanley Marinos Sr.

"Muscle: America's Legendary Performance Cars," presented by Michael and Donna Apostolakis and Dessie Apostolakis.

"Greatest U.S. Marine Corps Stories Ever Told," presented by Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28.

Michael A. Platko Sr.

"American Creation," presented by JoAnn Bellora, Marc and Lisa Bellora.

Alice Rechichar

"Saturdays in the Good Old Days," presented by Paul, Maureen and Michael Manetti.

"Wonders of the World," presented by Jim and Karen Lewitsky.

Ruby Samosiej

"It Happened in Pennsylvania," presented by director and staff of Monessen Public Library.

Julia Shoemaker

"The Uncommon Guilter," presented by Carol Dacko.

Nina Shusta

"Martha Stewart Living Cookbook," presented by Sue Frenchik and Emil and Verne Chuprinko.

Kathryn "Tootsie" Check Smith

"The Initiation," presented by Nancy Sambuchini and Robert N. Como.

"Along the Way for Teens," presented by Nancy Sambuchini and Robert N. Como

John Susko

"The United States," presented by Mary S. Berkowitz.

Herbert G. Theis

"Idlewild" presented by Ridsy Calderone.

Richard Torbar

"Deer Hunter's Book," presented by Monessen Eagle Club.

Elaine Deluca Torruiso

"Bobby Flay's Mesa Grill Cookbook" presented by Tip and Ruth Patterson.

Raymond Vagnoni

"Along the Way," presented by Alice Kudlik.

Andrew Valko

"Genius of America," presented by MARS.

"The Ultimate Battle," presented by Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28.

Delores Arlene Wihousie

"Soul to Soul," by Zukav, presented by Eileen Barker.

Dorothy Wilkins

"Rain Gardens," presented by the Kowell family.

Birthdays

John F. Billy

"Steel City Gridirons," and "Dan Rooney: My 75 Years with the Pittsburgh Steelers," presented by Cindi and Stan Karoleski and Mary and Jon G. Pidich.

MAKING THE GRADE

Ingram makes WVU dean's list

Zachary Ingram posted a 4.0 grade-point average and was named to the fall-semester president's list status at West Virginia University.

He is the son of Kevin and Janice Ingram, of Monongahela. He is the grandson of Charles and Alice Ingram and Mike and Toots Taddeo, all of Monongahela.

Bethlehem-Center junior Tabatha Fields fingerprints Charleroi Area senior Justin Rose during a protective services class at the Mon Valley Career & Technology Center. From left are Carroll Township police Chief, Paul Brand, Charleroi Officer, Mark Yates, Fields, Rose and Fallowfield Township Officer In Charge Aaron Wagle.

Program marks 10th year

The Mon Valley Career & Technology Center in Speers offers a Protective Services Program.

The program provides training in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, 911 dispatching, communications, Homeland Security, hazardous materials, rope rescue and other forms of emergency rescue.

Now in it's 10th year, it serves the Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, Central Westmoreland CTC, Somerset Area Vocational Technical School, and Connellsville Area CTC.

Police officers evaluate students in law enforcement for district competitions.

Winning students advance to the state competition in Hershey. Winners there advance to the national competition in Kansas City.

Amber Leezer, of Monongahela, is the instructor. She also is a member of the Gallatin-Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark Giovanelli, of East Bethlehem Township, serves as adult education coordinator and transition coordinator.

DONORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Donora Public Library has received the following:

Memorial books

Michael W. Fendya

"Boom! Voices of the Sixties," by Tom Brokaw, presented by Harry and Jane Ackerman.

Raymond Fincik

"Home to Holly Springs," by Jan Karon, presented by Dwain and Nancy Johnson.

Damon T. Garde

"This Moment on Earth: Today's New Environmentalists and Their Vision For the Future," by John Kerry and Teresa Heinz Kerry, presented by the Garde family.

Mary and Walter Kelly

"Kennywood, by David P. Hahner Jr., presented by Sally, Scott, and Robert Neil.

Betty Lazzari

"A Place of Quiet Rest," by Nancy Leigh DeMoss, presented by Lance and Bernadette Bachetti and family.

Patricia Lignelli

"The Knitter's Book of Yarn: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Using. and Enjoying Yarn," by Clara Parkes, presented by Sally, Wally, and Natalie Pustelak.

Ethel Love

"The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z!" by Steve Martin and Roz Chast, and "Cool Stuff 2.0 and How It Works," by Chris Woodford, presented by the foster grandparent volunteers.

Matt "SR" Michaux

"Campfire Cuisine: Gourmet Recipes for the Great Outdoors," by Robin Donovan, presented by the Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association Inc.

Marjorie Morgan

"Bungalow 2," by Danielle Steel, presented by Donna Pustelak.

Rose Nitti

"Pittsburgh Steelers Glory Daysk," by Dale Grdnic; "Plum Lady," by Janet Evanovich; "Darkest Evening of the Year," by Dean Koontz; and "Watchman," by Ian Rankin, presented by Mary Rose and Joseph Amendola and Anna Morich.

Jack Nole

"The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944," by Rick Atkinson, presented by the Thursday Night Card Club.

George Pandrock

"America: An Illustrated History" and "Schulz and Peanuts: a Biography," by David Michaelis, presented by Mayor John Lignelli and the Donora Borough Council.

"American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic," by Joseph J. Ellis, presented by Joyce Pandrok and family.

"A Life of Picasso: The Triumphant Years, 1917-1932" by John Richardson, presented by the Wednesday Night Card Club.

"America 1908: The Dawn of Flight, the Race to the Pole, the Invention of the Model T, and the Making of a Modern Nation," by Jim Rasenberger, presented by Jim and Cindy Brice.

Miroslav "Chester" Pandrock

"The Chase," by Clive Cussler, presented by Kathie and Ron Chadwick, Irene Dickie, and Janet and Ray Robson.

LaVonne Law Parker

"Matters of the Heart," by Juanita Bynum, presented by the D Town Divas.

"The Daring Book for Girls," by Andrea J. Buchanan and Miriam Peskowitz, presented by Dwain and Nancy Johnson.

"Emily Post's Etiquette," by Peggy Post, presented by Domiciliary Care Program staff.

Sam Perry Jr.

"Brothers: the Hidden History of the Kennedy Years," by David Talbot, presented by Ronald M. Koscelek and family.

John Rossi Sr.

"Bit Literacy: Productivity in the Age of Information and E-mail Overload," by Mark Hurst, presented by Spartech Polycom MDC staff.

John Sabo

"Rescue Men," by Charles Kenney, presented by Alex Talaga.

John Sabo, Manuel, Tunon and Maurice Bergman

"Honor Bound," by Sandra Brown, presented by Mary Medina.

Mary Ann Witlinski Simon

"Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog," by Ted Kerasote, presented by the Donora High School Class of 1949.

Edward Starzenski

"Wanda's Roses," by Pat Brisson, presented by Kathy Negro.

Edward Szymanske

"The Young Duke: The Early Life of John Wayne," by Howard Kazanjian and Chris Enss, presented by Barbara and Ben Stork.

"Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul," by Jack Canfield, and "A Fish out of Water" by Helen Palmer, presented by the Friends of the Donora Public Library.

John A. Wojnar

"The War: An Intimate History, 1941-1945," by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns, presented by Chris Fonner, Katie Fonner, Nicole Fonner and TamLynn Bachetti.

Daniel Connair

"Our First Revolution: The Remarkable British Upheaval That Inspired America's Founding Fathers," by Michael Barone, presented by Charles and Susan Stacey.

Dorothy Matis Hoyman

"Egrets to the Flames," by Barbara Anton, presented by Barbara Anton.

Martha Lou Roos Lash

"The Devilish Pleasures of a Duke," by Jillian Hunter, presented by Carol Lee and Harold S. Smith.

Frances Woodyear

"Irresistible You," by Francis Ray; "The Callahan Brothers Trilogy," by Joann Ross; "Up Close and Personal," by Fern Michaels; "The Marriage Game," by Fern Michaels, presented by the Woodyear, Reynolds, Parrish and Love families.

Honor book

Harold S. Smith

"Tangled up in You" by Rachel Gibson, presented by Carol Lee Smith.

Book donations

Edward Bauer, Beth, Dennis and Nicole Vaccaro.

ON CAMPUS AT CAL U

Foreign official enrolls at Cal U

Dedier

Melba Dedier, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Tourism for Trinidad and Tobago, has enrolled in the Cal U tourism planning and development online master's degree program.

Justice profs get tough

Hummel

Cencich

Cal U justice professors John R. Cencich and Dr. Michael Hummel taught students and faculty how to think, punch and kick their way out of dangerous situations during a safety and security training session.

Cencich, chairman of justice studies and a former federal agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, based the program on personal experience during life-threatening events.

Hummel demonstrated self-defense techniques.

Consultants take on politics

California University of Pennsylvania has established Cal Campaign Consultants.

Formed by political science majors, it draws on the expertise of faculty in many fields to teach interested students about political campaigning.

In addition to serving student government candidates, it has launched initiatives to keep the student body interested in the electoral process. It sponsors voter registration drives and educational programs.

Armenti leads convocation

Cal U President Angelo Armenti Jr. conducted the spring staff convocation.

Armenti touched on such topics as enrollment, performance funding, university goals and the master plan.

Students help special athletes

More than 30 Cal U students volunteered at a Special Olympics event at Hidden Valley Resort in Somerset County.

Earth sciences department Chairman Dr. Tom Wickham said the students help run the event.

Dan Reid, a senior geographic information systems/parks and recreation management major, served as the event director.

New program in the works

Cal U will offer a certificate of advanced study in autism spectrum disorders program next fall.

Dr. Kate Mitchem, chairwoman and graduate coordinator of the department of special education, said the program will comprise four courses.

Cal U will be the first state-run university in western Pennsylvania to offer program endorsement in autism spectrum disorders.

Dr. Carol Biddington separates shoes collected at Cal U for the Hoops4Hope program. The shoes will go to underprivileged children in southern Africa. With her, from left, are students Julie Kavel, Taylor Williams, and Robyn Weidner.

Program shoe-in for success

Dr. Carol Biddington's ethics in sports classes have been collecting shoes for underprivileged children.

Since last fall, Biddington's students have collected nearly 200 pairs of old-but-usable shoes to send to Africa through Hoops4Hope.

A global, non-profit organization, Hoops4Hope has provided its basketball-life skills program to more than 10,000 school-age children each year in southern Africa.

Hoops4Hope provides the basic tools needed for team sports.

Cal U men's soccer coach Dennis Laskey has been donating old equipment for several years to Soccer4Hope and other such organizations.

BIRTHS

■ Rathway – Carla and Brian Edward, Monessen, a son, Preston Louis, Feb. 1, 2008, Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh. Maternal grandparents are Gerry and Carl Jurkiewicz, of Belle Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Anne Louise and Edward Rathway, of Perryopolis. Maternal great-grandmother is Edith Pehote, of Monessen. The couple also has a son Dylan Edward, 2.

MONONGAHELA AREA LIBRARY

The Monongahela Area Library has received the following books and donations:

Donations

Virginia Eisler by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Graham.

Margaret Peters Power by Barbara Roop.

Betty Keenan by June and Jim Yevincy.

Thelma Proctor by June and Jim Yevincy.

Harry Giffin by Bob and Nancy Swoger.

Harry and Freda Giffin by Donald and Elaine Giffin.

Louise Withers - VHS Little Women

Books

"Between the Lines," presented by the Monongahela Area Writers Group.

"A Thousand Facts on Rocks and Minerals," presented by the American institute of Mining, Metallurgical & Petroleum Engineers Inc. Women's Auxiliary.

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ASTRO GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 2008

PISCES

February 19 through March 20

More than your share of opportunities will present themselves in the year ahead, but unless you see them as good possibilities, you won't capitalize on them. Don't be afraid to be who you are and to live life to the fullest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Guard against inclinations to anticipate the worst, because that won't do a thing except to impede your judgment and hold you back from participating in things that could bring you deserved happiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If everybody seems a bit difficult to get along with all of sudden, look in the mirror to find out who is causing it. Evaluate your own conduct to discover if your behavior is giving them justification.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be realistic about determining the risks you are taking in proportion to what you hope to gain. If the odds are against you, especially with costly undertakings, back off and rethink your modus operandi.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Should your mate or a close cohort be a bit difficult to deal with, it wouldn't hurt to back off and look the other way. You would want him or her to give you a little space if you were feeling contrary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Tolerance, not finger-pointing, will be called for if you're finding fault with everything and everybody. You may be right, but if you take the critical route, you could slam the door in your own face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- There is a strong possibility that things will not go your way in acquiring something you want. Instead of bursting a blood vessel over it, focus your attention on winning tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Whereas earlier in the week you were forceful and bold, you may find yourself much more reticent and timid now. Your lack of drive is a momentary lapse; so take some time to recharge your energies instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Most of the things that are worrying you at this time will never come to pass or unfold as you envision. Nothing will be gained from negative anticipation, but positive thinking can help a lot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Although you are normally a giving person, for no good reason, you might be unduly tightfisted and stingy with those who have always been generous to you. Loosen up and open your fists.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- If you fail to make the most of what you have at your disposal because you don't like what you have to work with, don't expect to accomplish anything at all. When handed lemons, make lemonade.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Normally, you have the courage of your convictions, but if you discover this admirable quality is lacking all of a sudden, check out your thinking. Negative thoughts are apt to be dominating your positive ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Try to do without, and be sure not to ask to borrow something or request a special favor from friends. If they aren't able to grant you the favor, both you and they will end up feeling embarrassed and humiliated.

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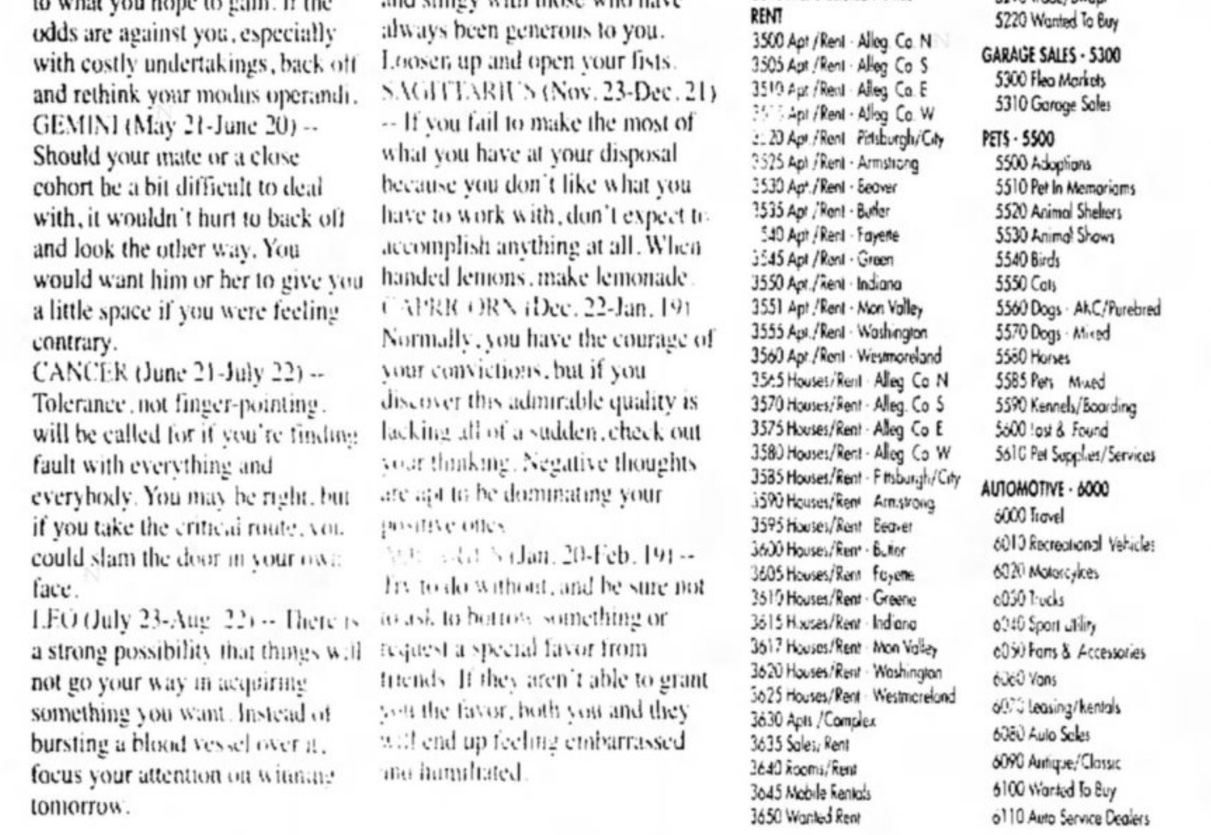

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1. Kriebel Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 765, Clarion, PA 16214 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is John and Dolores Ridgway, 240 Markle Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located at 240 Markle Road and is presently zoned A-1.

2. Kriebel Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 765, Clarion, PA 16214 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is Westmoreland County Airport Authority, 200 Pleasant Unity Road, Latrobe, PA 15650. The applicants' proposed use is to drill two (2) gas wells. The property is located off of Rt. 51 and is presently zoned I-2.

3. Belle Vernon School District, 270 Crest Ave., Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is State Public School Bldg. Authority, 101 South 25th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17100. The applicants' proposed use is to construct an addition to the Elementary School. The property is located at 300 Crest Ave. and is presently zoned R-1.

4. Patriot Exploration Corp., 1384 SR 711, Stahlstown, PA 15687 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is David and Denise Mornak, 283 Lenity Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located off of Patton Road and is presently zoned A-1.

5. Keystone River Properties LP, Vista One Professional CTR, 17 Arentzen Blvd., Suite 206, Charleroi, PA 15022 is requesting a Sign Variance for individual square footage of signage. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign. The property is located at intersection of Rt 906 and I-70 and is presently zoned I-3.

6. Heritage Signs LLC, P.O. Box 57, Dinwiddie, VA 23841 is requesting a Sign Variance for individual square footage and the total square footage of signage. The owner of the property is Castelli Brothers Company, Glimcher Group, 500 Grant Street, Suite 2000, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign for Peebles. The property is located at 460 Tri County Lane and is presently zoned B-2

7. Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, Inc., 100 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Front, Rear and Stream Setback Variance. The applicants' proposed use is to construct addition(s). The property is located at 100 Pleasant Valley Blvd. and is presently zoned B-2.

8. Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 470, Bridgeport, WV 26330 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is Edgar H. and Mary W. Watt, 109 Hayden Way, West Newton, PA 15089. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located off of Coal Hollow Road and is presently zoned A-1.

9. Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 470, Bridgeport, WV 26330 is requesting a Use Variance. The owner of the property is Bernadette H. Klose, 419 Sabbath Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. The applicants' proposed use is to drill two (2) gas wells. The property is located off Manor Drive and is presently zoned R-2.

10. Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 470, Bridgeport, WV 26330 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is Walter H. and Sarah E. Williams, 405 Weddell Dr., Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located at 405 Weddell Drive and is presently zoned A-1.

11. Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 470, Bridgeport, WV 26330 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is Joseph W. Demczyk, Jr., etal, 816 E. Main St., West Newton, PA 15089. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located at 612 W. Main St., West Newton, PA 15089 and is presently zoned A-1.

12. Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 470, Bridgeport, WV 26330 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is William M. and Julia M. Hughes, 371 Vernon Drive, West Newton, PA 15089. The applicants' proposed use is to drill a gas well. The property is located off of Collinsburg Road and is presently zoned A-1.

All parties interested or wishing to be heard are invited to attend.

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Jacqueline Dabill
Executrix
1224 Rostraver Street
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Mark E. Ramsler,
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823 Broad Avenue
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Todd, Carl K.
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Thomas L. Jones,
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Zuro, Sasha
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Mila Zuro,
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SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "Portable Poll Access Items" for the Washington County Elections Office, Washington County, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on March 7, 2008, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Department, Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted).

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

BID SECURITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED!

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: POLL ACCESS
CONTRACT NO.:
030708-1Poll

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

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DRESS- City Triangle, size S. Was $79; asking $30. 724-929-7622, 724-929-0116

DRESS- City Triangle, size L, was $80; asking $30. 724-929-7622, 724-929-0116

DRESS- Jessica McClintock size 6, was $125; asking $50. 724-929-7622, 724-929-0116

DRESSES- Jovani size 4 $175; LaFemme/paris size 8 $175; Tiffany size 6 $225; Panopoly size 2 $125. 724-929-7622, 724-929-0116.

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OFFICE DESK- pecan wood, w/glass top, 2 large file drawers. 30W x60Lx30H. $300. 724-684-7310 after 5pm.

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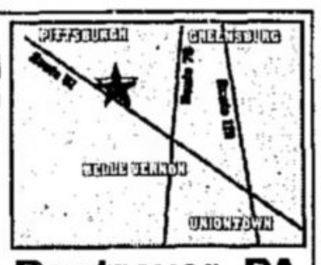

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